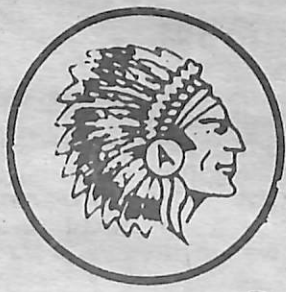


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The Pride Of The Agawam School System...



ON SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, dedication ceremonies celebrated the completion of the \$19.6 million school renovation and addition projects at Agawam's four elementary schools and the High School. IN LEFT PHOTO: At the High School, representatives of each graduating class from 1999-2012 released balloons inscribed with the year of their expected graduations. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jane Siegars and Stephanie Bertagnolli present Robinson School reading teacher Linda Orr (far right) with a gift and a plaque honoring her 10 years of service as the school's volunteer librarian. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT DONALD CHAREST (far left) accepts a check from Frank and Sheila Palange of V&F Auto Service. V&F's "Keep Education Rolling" program donates two-percent of each customer's total bill (upon the customer's request and at no cost to the customer) to the town's Activity Account for line item/gifts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT GRANGER SCHOOL'S DEDICATION CEREMONY: School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Susan Pettazzoni, Committee member Roberta Doering, Mayor (Committee Chairman) Christopher Johnson, Committee members Linda Galarneau and Louis Massoia, retired Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder, Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski, State Representative Daniel Keenan, Granger Principal Phyllis Lewis, and Town Councilor Dennis Perry. (See story and additional photos beginning on Page 5.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Planning Board OK's Site Plan For German High-Tech Printing Firm

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

One of the last remaining parcels at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park will soon be home to the third German company to locate a manufacturing firm here.

Last week, the Planning Board gave its approval for Suddekor Printer of Laichingen, Germany, to construct a 60,000 square-foot building in the industrial park as phase one of an expected three-phase construction project that will bring 30 high-tech printing jobs to the region.

Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos said the white metal building with bright red trim will feature skylights running over the ceiling of the building and down the walls to flood the manufacturing space with the natural lighting (that will help the company's employees ensure clear, accurate colors for their designs).

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the new manufacturer represents the third new business under construction at the industrial park. The fact that two other German firms have been successful in the industrial park helped town officials in attracting Suddekor to the park after three years in negotiation, Johnson said.

"After conducting an extensive site search in the Northeast, Suddekor ended up in Agawam based on the quality of our industrial park and the other German companies enjoying success here," Johnson said.

Johnson said the new facility is the first site the company is developing outside Germany, and the 24-acre site provides enough land for expanding the operation to double its original size in the near future (if the company stays on track with its expansion plans).

Represents A Whole New Design Concept...

"The building is architecturally designed, representing a whole new design concept than we've seen before in traditional American manufacturing buildings," Ms. Dachos said. "For instance, the entry to the office space will be over a bridge spanning an indoor water garden set within a courtyard."

Ms. Dachos said the office space in the building will be located at the back of the site, facing the wetlands and the forested area between the site and the neighboring Springfield Turnverein, a German-American social club.

Town officials believe the existence of the Turnverein, along with two other German manufacturing companies at the industrial park, may have played a part in Suddekor's decision to locate its first American facility here.

"It is unique for us to attract three German businesses to our industrial park," Ms. Dachos noted. "Plus, the Turnverein may have assisted us in wooing Suddekor to locate here."

According to Ms. Dachos, the consensus of opinion among the German businessmen was that Agawam is a business-friendly environment and the permitting process for a manufacturing firm is much shorter in the United States than in Europe.

The industrial park is presently home to two German firms, MEI Metalized Engineering, Inc., which manufactures cellophane for food packaging, and Renz America, which manufactures the wire spirals found in notebooks.

Suddekor is expected to begin construction within the next three weeks. The facility will be constructed by Associated Builders, Inc., and will represent the company's corporate image by replicating their German plant, Ms. Dachos said.

Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Corner — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

George Kupec Story Goes National...

We have received some exciting news recently from Col. Bud Shatzer, Director of the Office of Public Affairs for the Department of the Army. Col. Shatzer called from his office in Arlington, Virginia, to inform us that his office plans to publish the story of George Kupec, and how the Silver Star authorization was located last year.

With the assistance of *The Agawam Advertiser's* Jack Devine and Jack Farrell of the *Union News*, we were able to furnish Col. Shatzer with photographs and related articles of our 1998 Memorial Day ceremonies on the Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green.

The article will appear in the "National Soldiers' Magazine," published by the Department of the Army. Col. Shatzer feels the story and the presentation of the veteran's medals during our Memorial Day ceremonies highly honored George Kupec and the Kupec family.

Col. Shatzer assured me that he will forward several copies of the magazine that will be published late this summer. He also wanted to be sure that the Town of Agawam is recognized for its Memorial Day ceremonies that made the day so special for Mrs. Kupec, Lynn, and all of the Kupec family members in attendance.

FLAGGING OF VETERANS' GRAVES

The graves of Agawam veterans will be flagged on Saturday, May 15th. Anyone interested in helping out should be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

Upon completion, we will continue on to the Agawam Center Cemetery. All help is appreciated!

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Letters To The Editor

Berkshire Power's Oil Storage Petition Should Be Dismissed

To The Editor:

If, for some sad and mysterious reason, the State's Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) finds against our City Council and allows the storage of superfluous oil at the superfluous Berkshire Power plant, then everything that I have ever said about EFSB will ring true.

While I could not attend the cross-examination of Berkshire Power representatives, and was not present for the second or third dates of the latest EFSB hearing in Boston, I did learn of some fascinating developments from what I could attend. Some of the more spellbinding developments follow:

1) the hearing officer claimed that she would take motions for postponement or dismissal "under advisement," rendering each moot by choosing, perhaps illegally, to proceed;

2) the hearing officer proceeded, even in light of the fact that she was advised of her lack of jurisdiction, to depose witnesses and hear sworn testimony;

3) the matter came before the City Council falsely, based on the wrongful submission of misinformation by Berkshire Power plant representatives;

4) local agencies approved of the tank for storage of oil without any confirmation of the necessary permits;

5) oil was said a necessary back-up fuel in spite of it being noted that the Town of Agawam has never once experienced a natural gas shortage, as the delivery system is sound;

6) Berkshire Power representatives insisted they had no knowledge of the tank's illegal construction, in spite of their being advised of precisely that some time ago;

7) Berkshire Power's attorney, through his cross-examination of Messrs. Rheault and Magovern, seemed more than willing to let EFSB believe any one, if not all, of these erroneous conclusions: a) that the Tennessee Gas pipe in no way lies exposed near the tank's vicinity; b) that the Berkshire Power plant was advertised as "gas and oil" fired from its very beginning, and c) that Berkshire Power never submitted testimony before the City Council noting how one and only one oil truck could deliver contents at once;

8) Berkshire Power representatives seemed incapable of distinguishing Losito Lane from a prior dirt road on a map, and required over 20 minutes to find an abutting helipad on a map;

9) Berkshire Power relied on faulty, useless computer models, instead of canvassing, to determine the population of residents on Losito Lane; and

10) the hearing officer narrowed the scope of the hearing, and would not allow testimony regarding all of the terrible pollution hazards involved in combustion of oil.

The Town of Agawam could not more clearly have developed a compelling case against the storage of oil on Berkshire Power premises, in light of the Power Development Company's lack of trustworthiness, their considerable illegalities, and all hazards of transporting oil to the site. There can be no question that, if the case is to be decided on its merits, EFSB has no choice but to dismiss Berkshire Power's petition or find in the Town's favor. The Town's history with Mr. Rasmussen, however, suggests otherwise.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

The Marsh Family Says Thanks For Supporting Val's Benefit

To The Editor:

The Marsh family would like to thank everyone who donated their time to make the benefit for baby Val a success. They are: the Polish Club for the use of their large hall; Bob Juzba for donating his time to prepare all the food; *The Agawam Advertiser News*; Jack Devine for taking pictures; and the D.J.'s, Hooper and Gary.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon...

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All the businesses who donated the food: Carando's Gourmet Foods, Stop & Shop, Geissler's, Big Y, Sweet Life, Simo's, and Ambrogio's Bakery.

We thank all the businesses in Agawam and West Springfield for their donations of raffle prizes. Over 70 raffle prizes were raffled off.

We would like to thank V&F Auto Service for selling tickets and for its generous raffle donations; Trudy Beavis for selling tickets and gathering raffle prizes and donations; and Greg Moriarty for selling tickets.

We would also like to thank Kaitlyn Kerry, and Ellen Moriarty, Nichole Diduk, Ariana Galdaimez, Brianne Sacco, and Kayla and Jessie Goehert for serving the food.

A very special thank you goes to Erin, Joey, and Leah Marsh and Brenda Cirillo, who were responsible for putting on the benefit.

You can still make donations to: **Baby Val Marsh Benefit, Woronoco Savings Bank, P.O. Box 266, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.**

Sincerely,
The Marsh Family
Agawam

Health Board Member Should Support Cigarette Ban

To The Editor:

I was delighted to read in the May 10th issue of the *Union-News* that Board of Health chairman William Euliano is considering a total smoking ban in Agawam restaurants. Mr. Euliano feels that the ban is necessary to protect the public's health in light of recent studies that demonstrate the health dangers of second-hand smoke. I couldn't agree with him more.

My delight began to wane, however, when I read further in the article that Board of Health member Michael Jawitz had "said that he is not likely to vote for a ban because smoking seems to be a cherished freedom for so many. It's like saying you're against apple pie," he said. "It's too political."

I can't begin to understand how a member of the Board of Health, and a medical doctor no less, can feel that it is his job to protect "cherished" unhealthy activities such as smoking at the expense of protecting the public's health, which is his principal charge.

How can Agawam be considered one of the best communities in the greatest country on earth, as proclaimed by Mayor Johnson earlier this year, when a Board of Health member, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, favors the right to smoke over the right of Agawam's citizens, including restaurant employees, to breathe healthful, smoke-free air?

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano Hotel-Motel Safety

Select accommodations equipped with sprinklers and smoke detectors in guest rooms.

Consider fire safety when checking into a hotel or motel. Count the number of doors down the hall to the nearest fire exit staircase. Never use elevators in case of fire.

Keep the room key, eyeglasses, and a flashlight on the night table. If a fire occurs, take them with you and go to the door.

If the door feels cool, open the door a crack. Be ready to close the door if hot air, flames, or smoke rush through the crack.

If this does not occur, yet the hall is hazy with smoke, crawl down the hall counting the doors to the nearest stairway exit.

Agawam UNICO Appreciates Support For Pancake Breakfast

To The Editor:

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National appreciates support for their pancake breakfast!

The members of Agawam UNICO wish to thank the many citizens of our fine community who turned out on Sunday, April 11, 1999 to support our fundraiser for the Veterans' Honor Roll. We are extremely proud to be able to make a donation in the amount of \$2,000 as a result of this breakfast to the Veterans' Council for this memorial.

Very special thanks go out to the many businesses and individuals who contributed to this breakfast. They are:

The American Legion of Agawam, The Armed Forces recruiters, Brenda Theriaque, Chicopee Provision, Crestview Country Club, H.P. Hood Company, The Agawam Lions Club, The Senior Melody Chorus, Millennium Press, The Polish American Club of Agawam, Sounds of Music, Taylor Rental, Westfield Bank, The Veterans' Council, The Agawam Advertiser News, and news photographer Jack Devine.

Very much appreciated,
The Pancake Breakfast Committee

Thank You For Paying Respect To Yolanda Silvestri

To The Editor:

We want to thank all our friends, neighbors, and family members who sent sympathy cards, Mass cards, and flowers in tribute to the passing of our sister, Yolanda M. Silvestri, who died April 25, 1999.

You brought much comfort to us at this difficult time, and it was deeply appreciated.

May God bless you all.

Emelinda Gacoca
Bruno Branchesi

We Are Fortunate To Have Kind & Professional EMT's

To The Editor:

On March 15th at 5:30 a.m., I had an emergency call to 911 for my husband. I was very impressed as they arrived within five minutes.

They were so calm, kind, and professional. These EMT's are to be commended. They are Dave Spofford and Scott Barker of the Agawam Fire Dept. We are most fortunate to live in a town with such trained people.

We salute you.

Elaine & Bob Watson
Elm Street



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At Open Houses And Dedications On Sunday, May 2nd...

Agawam School Department Celebrates \$19.6 Million School Addition Projects

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On the 10th anniversary of his election as Agawam's first mayor, Christopher C. Johnson presided over the dedication ceremonies celebrating the completion of the \$19.6 million school renovation and addition projects at the four elementary schools and the High School.

"There is nothing I am more proud of in my tenure as Mayor than the renovations and addition projects at Agawam High School and at the elementary schools," Johnson said at the May 2nd open house and dedication ceremonies held at each school.

Johnson said the design phase of the school expansion projects began in 1993 under the tutelage of retired School Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder, working with the School Committee, the building principals, Space Needs Study Committees, and Building Maintenance Director Tony Albro. Johnson credited School Superintendent Frank Ameruso for his efforts in taking on the task of overseeing the two years of the construction phase of the projects.

"The fact that in 24 months of the construction phase we had only one complaint shows how good a job Dr. Ameruso did," Johnson said.

Calling the school projects the "single most significant event in our schools in 30 years," Ameruso said he was fortunate that all the difficult work had been done before he came on board. "This project was a masterpiece of design and planning. The additions were well-planned by teachers, administrators, Mr. Ryder, and the Mayor, who was a hands-on manager throughout. Everything you see here is a result of their work," Ameruso said.

Ameruso pledged to make the most of the renovated buildings to give Agawam students the best education possible. "Our children now have a state-of-the-art high school building as we approach the millennium," Ameruso said.

Johnson praised State Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian and State Representative Daniel Keenan for their work in keeping the state School Building Assistance (SBA) program alive. Under the SBA program, Agawam receives state funding for 71 percent of the cost of the renovations and additions to the five school buildings.

"All you have to do is look at these buildings to see how Senator Melconian delivered for



CHECKING OUT THE BOOKS at the Julia R. Crawford Media Center during Clark School's open house — State Rep. Dan Keenan and State Senator Linda Melconian.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam," Johnson said.

Extending The Life Of The SBA Program...

Melconian said she and Keenan had continually pushed to extend the life of the SBA program and continued to push to add the funding to ensure that Agawam and other communities in their

district would be able to expand their schools.

Keenan credited Johnson for displaying the leadership necessary to bring the projects to completion. "Buildings don't just happen," Keenan said. "People make them happen. It takes energy, dedication, and vision."

As representatives for each graduating class from 1999-2012 released balloons inscribed with the year of their expected graduations, AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski noted, "Everything we do is for these young people. Everything I do and the teachers do is to educate the children of Agawam to the best of our ability."

At the elementary schools, open house and dedication ceremonies focused on the new library media centers which had been at the heart of Ryder's vision for improving the schools (ever since he noticed the lack of library facilities during his pre-employment tour of the schools).

"When I asked about the libraries while touring the schools, I could see people nudging each other and whispering, 'He noticed about the libraries,'" Ryder said. "I think that turned them in my favor."

At Robinson Park School, reading teacher Linda Orr was presented with a personal gift as well as a plaque that will hang in the library honoring her 10 years of dedication to the school's Thelma E. Meadon Library as the volunteer librarian.

"I appreciate the support of our principal, Mr. (William) Sapelli, and the dedication of our PTO to the library," Mrs. Orr said. "The enthusiasm that our staff and students have shown for their library made my job a pleasure, not a chore."

At James Clark School, retired teachers Dorothy Coon and Janice Phillips returned to share their memories of the school's first principal at the dedication ceremony naming the school library the Julia R. Crawford Media Center.

Principal Sandi Howard called the library her "favorite room in the house."

"This is the most peaceful, lovely room in our school, and Julia would be pleased to have such a beautiful room named in her honor," Mrs. Howard said. "I'm sure she is with us in spirit."

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Saving "The Sacred Tree"...

At Benjamin Phelps School, Johnson recalled that the architect had originally considered putting the addition onto the cafeteria, but those plans had to be scrapped in order to save "the sacred tree" that has become a landmark, revered by students and staff alike. The addition was moved to another site on the school grounds, and the old cafeteria was renovated to a new life as the library media center.

In dedicating the new Mary E. McDowell-Cecily C. LaBonte Library/Media Center, Principal Robert Farrell said, "This library is the soul of Phelps School. It's the gathering place. When you see the children in here, you know it was all worthwhile."

School Committee Secretary Teresa Kozloski and retired teacher Janet Wysocki reminisced about the two former principals for whom the library was named. A former student at the school, Mrs. Kozloski remembered Mrs. McDowell as a strict disciplinarian who ran a progressive school, and Miss LaBonte as the second-grade teacher who always seemed to have her head bent in prayer at the beginning of each school day.

At Clifford Granger School, the addition houses the Title I reading program, three kindergarten classrooms, and a teacher workroom. Two classrooms that formerly were home to the kindergartners have been renovated as the school library/media center.

According to Principal Phyllis A. Lewis, the staff and students love having a real library for the first time and all look forward to going to the library once each week.

"Our kindergarten teachers are in heaven in their new rooms. Everything is kid-oriented. And the whole building has been renovated to look brand new," Mrs. Lewis said.

With the whole building looking bright and new, the students are showing a more respectful attitude toward their school. "The kids are very happy and respectful of the school and they are acting accordingly," Mrs. Lewis said. "We never see anything left on the floor — the whole school always looks as spotless as it does now."

According to Johnson, Clark School received the most dramatic makeover and looks like a new school as a result of the window wall replacement. Inside, a new heating system has been installed and the addition houses the new library media center, specialized space for remedial programs, and three new kindergarten classrooms.

At Phelps, renovations to the existing building include all new wiring, a new heating system, all new ceilings, newly-painted classrooms, and a refinishing job on the built-in wood cabinetry in each classroom.

Phelps received the largest of the elementary school additions to provide space for a new kitchen and cafeteria, as well as two new kindergarten rooms, specialized space for remedial classes, and one new classroom.

At Robinson, the facelift for existing classrooms included painting, new ceilings, and window wall replacement. The gym and cafeteria were also painted and have new windows; new bathrooms have been installed in the south wing.

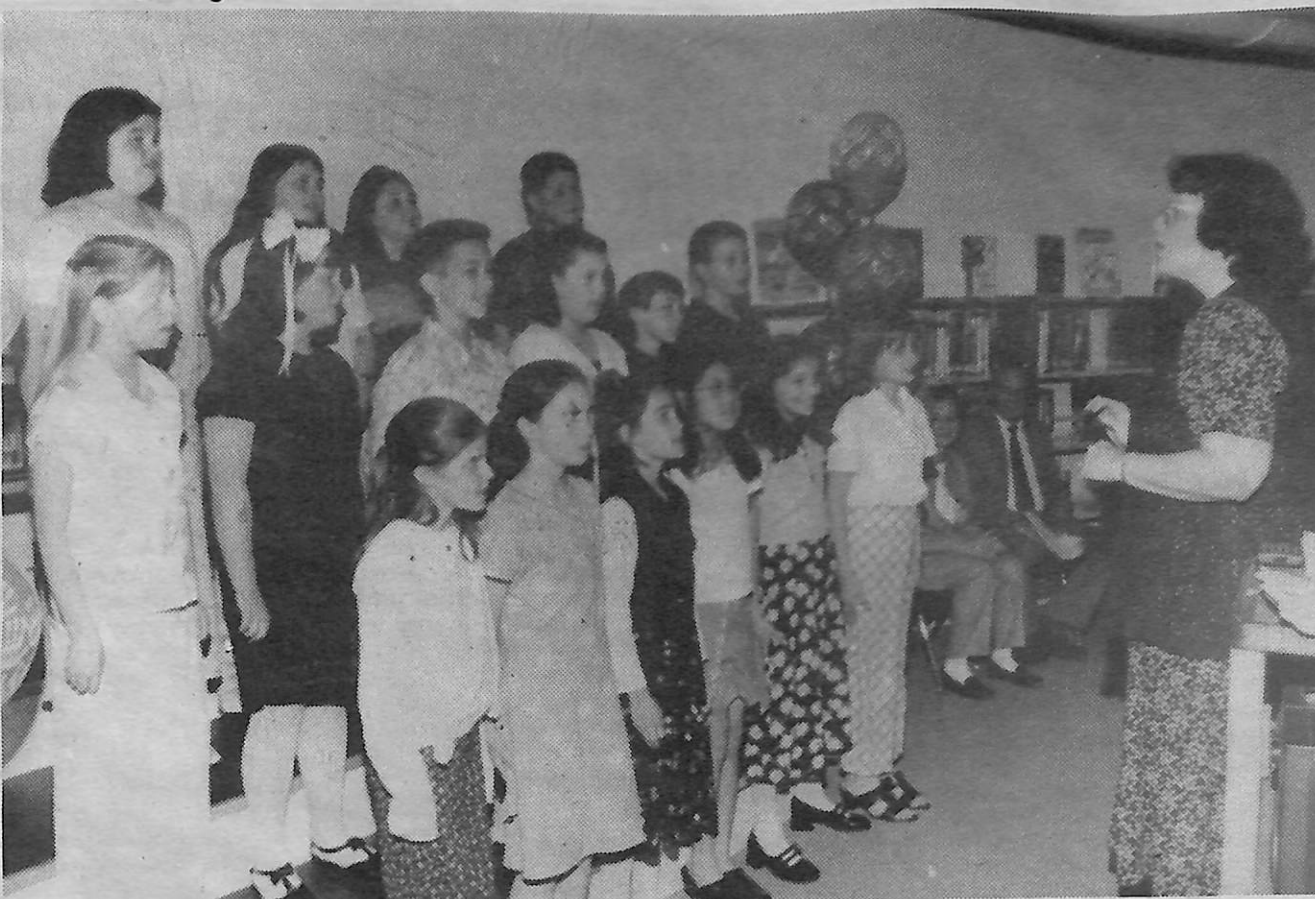
The addition is home to the library media center, three kindergarten rooms, and two small rooms for specialized instruction.

Extending The Useful Life Of The Buildings...

School Committeewoman Linda Galarneau said the school additions provide about 73,000 square feet of space to the schools and the renovations are expected to extend the useful life of the buildings by 15 to 20 years, in addition to bringing them into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This was truly the most ambitious building project in our town's history," Mrs. Galarneau said.

At the High School, the main entrance is through the new arched entryway to the administrative offices addition facing Mill Street. The addition houses the principal's office, the deputy principal, and the Special Education Department administrative offices. The administrative area also includes a reception area,



MUSIC TEACHER MARGARET BIELIN leads the fourth-grade chorus during the dedication of the Mary E. McDowell-Cecily C. LaBonte Library/Media Center at Phelps School's open house. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DURING THE OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION CEREMONIES held on Sunday, May 2nd, Mayor Christopher Johnson ferried School Committee members, retired School Superintendent Bernard Ryder, and present School Superintendent Frank Ameruso to the various schools in the Agawam Police Department's community van. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

conference room, and storage room.

The cafeteria addition adds enough space (60 percent more) to allow the school to go from three to two lunch servings, eliminating the need for a split lunch period. The cafeteria has all new furniture, and the expanded kitchen has new equipment, a walk-in freezer, and more storage space.

Throughout the existing part of the school, new

fire doors were installed, all of the lockers were repainted, windows were replaced in existing classrooms, and the rooms were painted.

The 18-classroom addition boasts three types of classrooms — science, computer, and regular rooms — all equipped with new furniture and built-in cabinetry. Also, there is a storage area and a workroom for teachers.

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Council Committee Scrutinizes Local Permit Process...

Building Permit Revoked For Berkshire Power's Oil Storage Tank

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Work on the 500,000 gallon oil storage tank in the final stages of construction at the Berkshire Power Plant on Moylan Lane stalled last week after the building inspector revoked the building permit. A cease-and-desist order was issued until the town receives adequate documentation that all state approvals for the tank have been granted. The order also halts work on two water storage tanks.

In a letter sent to Berkshire Power last week revoking the building permit, Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati states, "Your application ... indicates that written approval for the construction of the tanks was obtained from the state. It has come to my attention that the fuel oil tank has not been approved by the State Fire Marshall."

Last month, State Fire Marshall Stephen D. Coan ordered Berkshire Power to refrain from filling the tank with any liquid pending further investigation and possible action by his office. In the order of notice, Coan states that the fuel storage tank has not been permitted or inspected by his office as required under Massachusetts General Law.

Urbinati's action comes in the wake of a letter from Town Councilor Edward A. Caba insisting that the certificate of occupancy and all other building permits pertaining to the oil tank be revoked and that the company be ordered to remove the tank.

Caba charged Berkshire Power with "blatant and inexcusable misrepresentations and falsifications" on their application for a building permit by affirming that written approval had been obtained from the state when, in fact, the tank had been built without the proper permits or approvals of the State Fire Marshall.

A three-member fact-finding committee of town councilors appears likely to recommend a formal council investigation of the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the building permit for

the oil storage tank at the power plant.

On Tuesday night, committee Chairman Dennis Perry said, "Our job is to find the flaw in the system and fix it so this situation can't happen here or elsewhere in the Commonwealth. We have to find out how the local permitting process allowed Berkshire Power to build that tank without the necessary state permits."

Perry, along with committee members Caba and Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, expressed disappointment that Urbinati and Fire Chief David Pisano did not attend Tuesday night's meeting, noting that the two officials had been notified of the meeting and should have known that the seriousness of the controversy required their attendance.

Both Urbinati and Pisano said they did not consider notice of a council sub-committee meeting as an invitation to attend, but both already had prior commitments by the time they received the notice. Pisano received the notice late in the day on the preceding Friday.

Perry expects the committee to research the local and state permitting process and then make the suggestion to the full council that a formal committee be appointed under Council Rule 38 to investigate the process used by the Building Department in granting a building permit and the Fire Department in approving the company's application for an oil storage license.

"We're not looking to hang anybody here," Perry said prior to Tuesday's meeting. "We just want to find the facts ... We have the authority (under Rule 38) to investigate any department or department heads."

Urbinati said he issued the building permit last summer based on the information supplied by Berkshire Power and the approval of the fire chief and the fire inspector.

Pisano said he gave his approval for the oil storage permit because the tank would meet all the fire protection requirements and did not pre-

sent a public safety issue.

"... Paperwork Never Was Forwarded ..."

"Berkshire Power was to apply for a permit from the State Fire Marshall. Any tank used to store over 10,000 gallons of flammable liquid requires approval of the fire marshal. To my knowledge, the paperwork was forwarded to the state. But, something must have happened and the paperwork never was forwarded," Pisano said.

At presstime, Berkshire Power could not be reached for comment.

Eventually, the possibility exists that the town could decide to issue an order to dismantle the tank, but Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said taking further action against Berkshire Power at this time would be a waste of time and taxpayers' money.

"We're cognizant of the ongoing appeal at the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and with the State Fire Marshall," Johnson said. "Until those appeals are resolved, any judge would grant Berkshire Power an injunction against any further action by the town."

Last October, the council voted 8-3 to deny Berkshire Power's request to store 500,000 gallons of fuel oil in a storage tank on the site for use as a backup fuel source in the event that the flow of natural gas to the plant is interrupted.

The majority of the council refused to grant the oil storage license after raising concerns over air pollution, transportation safety, the company's evacuation plan, and a distrust over the company's ability to fulfill their promises. Berkshire Power is appealing that decision both in court and at the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Berkshire Power officials maintain that the plant will be primarily gas-fired, but fuel oil would be needed to keep the plant operating if the supply of natural gas were to be diverted from industrial to residential customers on the coldest days of the year.



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— Agawam Obituaries —



VALENTINE R. MORENO

Valentine R. Moreno, Town Political Activist

Valentine R. "Wally" Moreno, 89, of 15 Florida Drive, Agawam, a former town councilor and political activist, died recently in a local nursing home.

He served on the former Town Council from 1975 to 1978. He was a city building inspector for many years, a town meeting member, and served on the Zoning Commission. He also served on the Agawam Housing Authority.

He was a former zoning bylaw enforcement officer, served on several city committees, and was

a long-time advocate of a mayoral form of government for Agawam.

He was the owner of Moreno Construction Co. and the founder of the *Agawam News* (now *The Agawam Advertiser News*). He was the editor of the paper for 25 years.

Born in Malden, he was a graduate of Malden High School and lived in Agawam most of his life. He also belonged to the Democratic Town Committee for many years, as well as a wide array of other municipal organizations.

He was a local builder and served on the Agawam Economic Industrial and Development Corporation. He was a World War II Army veteran.

The funeral was scheduled for Friday morning, May 14th, at Agawam Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam Democratic Committee Scholarship Fund, Box 395, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Lorraine Walker

Lorraine (Wilson) Walker, 85, of 21 Pomeroy Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident here.

As an active community member, she was the first school bus crosswalk officer for Agawam, was affiliated with the Girl Scouts since 1952, and held membership with the Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter II.

She was also involved at voting polls, serving as warden, and never missed the opportunity to vote since she was 18.

As a lifelong member of the Agawam Congregational Church, she served on the Board of Trustees and as Assistant Financial Officer, and was a member of the Catering Group.

She also was an usher at Springfield Symphony Hall, and had worked at the Springfield Animal Hospital until three years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold E. Walker, in 1995.

She is survived by two daughters, Kari "Karen" Crance of Redondo Beach, California, and Brenda W. Weimann of West Springfield; two brothers, Neil Wilson of Agawam and Charles Wilson of

Hampden; and a step-grandson, Marty Weimann. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, with burial at the family's convenience.

There are no calling hours, and the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam has charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Historic Society, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Joseph P. Barbato, Sr.

Joseph P. Barbato, Sr., 88, of 49 Carmen Avenue, Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Palmer, he lived in West Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1955.

He was employed by the D'Amato Brothers in Agawam for over 35 years.

He was a member of the Polish American Club, the Massachusetts Farm Bureau, and a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

His wife, the former Rose P. Albano, died in 1977.

He leaves two sons, Joseph P. Jr. of Agawam and Anthony J. of West Springfield; three daughters, Concetta A. Costello of West Springfield, Theresa R. Lamson of Pembroke Pines, Florida, and Rose E. Dahdah of Southwick; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

Pearl Finkle

Pearl (Kaplan) Schlinsky Finkle, 79, of Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently at home.

She worked for Springfield Sugar Co. and retired in 1946.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

Born and schooled in Springfield, she lived in Easthampton for 44 years, moved to Great Barrington, and came to Agawam four years ago.

She was a member of B'nai Israel Synagogue in Northampton, Doric Chapter 7 of the Eastern Star, and the Ahlem Daughters of the Nile.

She was a past president of the Sisterhood and Hadassah at Temple B'nai Israel, and a volunteer at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton for 20 years.

Her first husband, Leo Schlinsky, died in 1985. She leaves her second husband, Robert Finkle; a daughter, Donna B. Raymond of Winthrop; a sister, Muriel Rosenfield of Brockton; a stepson, Mark of Ohio; four stepdaughters, Susan Namislo of Savoy, Nancy Briggs of California, Molly Hastedt of Virginia, and Ruth Chrzanowski of Great Barrington; a granddaughter; and stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was held at Congregational B'nai Israel in Northampton, with burial in the congregation cemetery. Mitchell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Chester J. Kierkla

Chester J. Kierkla, 57, of 1068 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

He was a 20-year machine operator at American Saw Co. of East Longmeadow.

Born and educated in Poland, he moved to Feeding Hills in 1961.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

His wife, the former Elizabeth Lizon, died in 1996.

He leaves two sons, Joseph J. of Agawam and William of Monson; a daughter, Barbara Harrington of Wales; his parents, Jozef and Maria (Golko) Kierkla of Feeding Hills; a brother, Stanley of Georgia; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Suffield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund at 28 Underwood Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Ernest W. Barker, Jr.

Ernest W. "Wally" Barker, Jr., 63, of 89 Cherry Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 44-year locomotive engineer for Amtrak and retired in 1988.

Born in Cranston, Rhode Island, he lived in Springfield and was a graduate of that city's former Technical High School.

He moved to Feeding Hills in 1964 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was a private first class in the Army.

He belonged to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, American Legion Post 185 in Feeding Hills, and Moose Club 1263 of Daytona Beach, Florida.

He leaves his wife, the former Elaine B. Walkonen; a son, Jeffrey of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Sharon Parker of Higganum, Connecticut; and two grandsons.

A son, Michael O., died in 1989.

The funeral was held at church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Elizabeth A. Morse

Elizabeth A. (Morris) Morse, 79, of 275 Rowley Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident and a graduate of Agawam High School.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Dallas E. Morse, died in February.

She leaves a son, Wayne D. of Ballston Lake, New York; two daughters, Paulette J. Broggi of Westfield and Deborah Matthews of Plymouth; a brother, Herbert Morris of Agawam; three sisters, Mary K. Morris, Rose Haynes, and Dorothy Morris, all of Agawam; and 11 grandchildren.

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The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

John DeCaro

John DeCaro, 75, of 429 Mill Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a 50-year truck driver for Associated Wrecking in Springfield, retiring in 1989.

Born in Salerno, Italy, he came to Springfield at a young age and moved to Agawam in the 1940's.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

He leaves two brothers, Ralph of Florida and Angelo of Southwick, and a sister, Angelina Garwacki of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

David F. Poggi

David F. Poggi, 50, of Howard Street, Agawam, a police officer for 12 years for the Agawam Police Department, died recently at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

After he retired from the department, he worked as a general manager for Mushy's Soft Serve in Agawam, the A & W in West Springfield, and the Ground Round in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam all of his life and graduated from Agawam High School in 1968, where he played football and was an All-Western Massachusetts tennis player.

He later attended Springfield Technical Community College.

While a police officer, he was awarded the Medal of Honor and the Medal of Valour in 1984. He also was a member of the Police Association, where he was a treasurer.

He was former president of the Agawam Soccer Association for five years, director of the Agawam Soccer Referees, and served as an Agawam soc-

cer coach. He also was a coach for the Pioneer Valley League Travel Team for 10 years.

He was a former member of the Blue Knight and the Agawam Lions Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Joy A. Crosson, and four sons, David D. of Williamstown, Vermont, Michael S. of Feeding Hills, LeeJay and Richard A., both of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the David F. Poggi Memorial Trust Fund, in care of Westfield Savings Bank, 655 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Margaret C. Berthiaume

Margaret C. (Niksa) Berthiaume, 70, of 26 Spring Meadow Lane, Hampden, died recently in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a retired licensed practical nurse for the former Wesson Memorial Hospital. She worked there for 20 years.

Born in Westfield, she lived in Springfield most of her life. She moved to Hampden in 1996.

She attended the former nursing school at Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church, where she was a volunteer for many years.

Her husband, Armand S. Berthiaume, died in 1987.

She leaves five sons, Gary A. of Springfield, Armand S. of Agawam, Bruce K. of Springfield, Richard J. of West Springfield, and Roland F. of Springfield; four daughters, Bonnie J. Thulin of Unionville, CT, Theresa A. Ricard of North Brookfield, Darlene E. Plante and Marguerite D. O'Neill, both of Agawam; a sister, Evie Johnson of Southwick; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church Athletic Fund, 474 Armory Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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With Help Of State Grant...

Agawam Applies As Nat'l Register Historic District

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With the recent approval of a \$6,000 state grant, Agawam moved one step closer to seeing the area around Main and Elm Streets declared a National Historic District.

Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah S. Dachos said the money will be used to hire a historic preservation consultant to complete the necessary forms and documentation for nominating Agawam Center as a National Historic District.

The total cost of hiring an expert to do the research and complete the lengthy application process is expected to be \$10,000. In February, Town Council appropriated the full amount (if the grant was awarded), leaving the town's share of the cost at \$4,000.

According to Ms. Dachos, citizen participation is critical to the success of the nomination process. All property owners along the proposed historic district will receive notices of two neighborhood meetings that will be taking place to gather input from the public.

If approved by the federal government, the National Historic District would include the area around Main and Elm Streets, extending west on Elm Street to the old mill, north on Main Street to the Captain Leonard House, and south on Main Street to Adams Street.

If Agawam Center is designated as a National Historic District, both the town and the property owners would become eligible to apply for federal historic preservation grants, according to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

"We're very happy to have gotten the grant and we're looking forward to working with the consultant to get the application done," Johnson said. "We're hoping to get the area on Main Street designated a National Historic District."

Meets The Requirements For Designation...

Ms. Dachos said Agawam Center meets the requirements for designation as a National Historic District, with structures dating back to the 1700's representing Federal, Greek Revival, Georgian, Italianate, Queen Anne, and Tudor architecture.

According to Ms. Dachos, designation as a National Historic District will not place restrictions on the property owners, but will require a review process before public funds can be spent on projects such as widening Main Street.

When public funds are used in a National Historic District, there is a process that creates a red flag to review the project. But, the creation of a National Historic District won't affect homeowners' ability to paint or even tear down a structure, Ms. Dachos said.

"As we pursue the nomination of the district, it would be a good time for individual property owners who want their property listed on the National Register to look into applying," Ms. Dachos said.

"Right now we have only two National Register properties — the Captain Leonard House and the Purchase-Ferre House at 1289 Main Street, which is ridiculous when we have over 200 historically significant properties already on our survey and there are more we haven't inventoried yet," Ms. Dachos said.

Ms. Dachos said she would be attending a training session sponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Commission outlining the procedure for hiring a consultant before beginning the process of advertising for the position. The training session will be held in two weeks and the request for proposals should be sent out soon after that.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 99-35

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for exemption from the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts for the purpose of constructing and operating a substation for public use.

The Petitioner, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company"), seeks an exemption from the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Agawam in order to construct and operate a new substation near Moylan Lane in Agawam, Massachusetts. Specifically, WMECo seeks an exemption from the provisions of Agawam Zoning By-Laws, section 180-63, which precludes structures over 40 feet in height, and from any other provision of the Agawam Zoning By-Laws that may preclude construction of the substation. The exemption is necessary because the substation requires 70-foot high line terminal structures and eight (8) new transmission line pole structures (approximately 70-80 feet in height) to support the overhead lines that will connect the substation to the existing grid.

The proposed substation will be a new 115-kV substation on a site northwest of Hubbard Corner, near Moylan Lane, in the southern portion of the Town of Agawam. The substation will straddle a parcel of land owned by WMECo and another parcel of approximately 3.5 acres to be acquired by WMECo from Berkshire Power Development, Inc. ("Berkshire"). The footprint of the proposed substation will be approximately 2.0 acres in size. The substation will provide space for a 24-foot by 40-foot relay and control enclosure, and electrical equipment consisting of switching devices, current limiting reactors, voltage sensing devices, surge arresters, electrical bus, supporting steel structures and foundations, and interconnecting control cables and conduits. Eight new transmission line pole structures will support the overhead conductors that will connect the substation to the existing transmission grid. The Petitioner proposes to use the substation to interconnect Berkshire's electric generating facility to the WMECo system. The petition also states that the substation is important for reliability and flexibility of the transmission system.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on this petition in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts.

The Petitioner, WMECo, is ordered to give notice of said hearing by publication twice hereof — once at least fourteen (14) days, and once at least seven (7) days — before the date of such hearing in THE BOSTON GLOBE and THE SPRINGFIELD UNION NEWS, and to post such notice in a conspicuous place in the Agawam Town Hall for a period of not less than fourteen (14) days before and continuing through the date of such hearing. The petitioner is also ordered to give notice of said hearing by publication on two separate dates prior to the date of the public hearing in THE AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS. In addition, the Petitioner is ordered to serve a copy of this notice by mail at least fourteen (14) days before the date of such hearing on: the Town of Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals, City Council, Planning Board, Town Clerk, and Town Solicitor and all persons or entities, governmental or private, owning real estate abutting the proposed parcel and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of this parcel as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list.

WMECo is further ordered to deposit copies of its petition and supporting documents for public inspection at the Agawam Town Library no later than seven (7) days before the public hearing and continuing through the date a final Order is issued by the Department in this docket. At the time of the hearing, WMECo shall make return of service and proof of publication, including a list of those individuals and entities to whom notice was sent.

Any person who desires to state his or her position on this petition may do so at the time and place noted above. Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1), any person who desires to participate in the adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above petition shall file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, DTE, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 1999. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.03. Receipt by the Department — not mailing — constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, section 10.

By Order of the Department,
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Curry Promoted To Sergeant In APD...



RICHARD B. CURRY of Feeding Hills has been promoted to sergeant in the Agawam Police Department and was sworn in recently during a ceremony at Agawam Town Hall. Curry began with the APD in 1980 as a patrolman, and later was assigned to motorcycle duty in the traffic division. **IN PHOTO ABOVE:** Town Clerk Richard Theroux (far left) swears in Sergeant Curry as Police Chief Robert Campbell, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Lieutenant Steven Draghetti, and Sergeant Wayne Macey look on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AN ACCOMPLISHED BAGPIPE PLAYER, Sergeant Curry performs at all the graduation ceremonies at the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Academy in Feeding Hills. For the past seven years, he has served the APD as a court officer. Pictured with him are his daughter, Elizabeth, 18; his wife of 21 years, Ann; his mother, Marilyn Curry of Agawam; and his daughter, Kelly, 14. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Melconian Supports \$173 Million Supplemental Budget

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) recently voted in support of a \$173 million supplemental budget. The legislation enjoyed broad support in the Senate, where it passed by a vote of 35 to 0.

The interim budget legislation is dedicated primarily to funding programs requiring mid-year infusions, but the largest allocation, \$50 million, is for additional unrestricted local aid, so that city and town governments can determine priorities at the local level and direct additional resources accordingly.

"I am pleased the Senate is forwarding this additional distribution of \$50 million in lottery aid," said Senator Melconian. "We recognize that municipal budgets will benefit from this infusion, and that municipal leaders are best positioned to assess the uses." Melconian reports that Agawam receives \$211,686 for local priorities under the Senate plan.

"State and local governments can and should work together to improve the quality of life for the people of Massachusetts," said Senate President Tom Birmingham. "We represent the same people and we can work together to enhance our shared responsibilities in a variety of areas, especially education and public safety and infrastructure."

"This increase in lottery funds is just one indication of our commitment to that belief," said Senator Melconian, who noted that while the Governor and House recommend cutting local Education Reform Act funding by about \$90 million, the Senate will not. "We recognize that this cut in municipal education funds undermines local efforts to enhance public schools, and hinders their ability to meet our high expectations."

The lottery aid distribution was not included in the House supplemental budget and when differences between the two recommendations are resolved by a conference committee, the Senate will continue to promote this opportunity to strengthen the state-local relationship by better serving the people of the Commonwealth.

Flagging Of Vets' Graves On May 15th

The Agawam Veterans' Council and committee have set plans to flag the graves of Agawam veterans on Saturday, May 15th, with a rain date of May 22nd.

The group will assemble at the Springfield Street cemetery at 9:00 a.m. When flagging is completed, they will continue on to the Agawam Center Cemetery.

All Agawam Boy Scout Troops and Girl Scouts are invited to help, along with any residents wishing to help should be at the Springfield cemetery on May 15th at 9:00 a.m.

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 17th - 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/3/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-99-13- A Resolution Authorizing a Salary Increase for the Agawam School Committee (Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci).

2. TR-99-14- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Michael J. Jawitz, 17 Wyman St., Agawam, MA 01001 to the Board of Health for a Three Year Term Expiring the First Monday of February of the Year 2002 (Mayor).

3. TR-99-15- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Mary Hunter, 74 Senator Ave., Agawam, MA 01001 to the Board of Registrars for a Four Year Term Expiring April 1, 2002 (Mayor).

4. TR-99-16- A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Robert Vanderhoof, 47 Willowbrook Dr., Agawam, MA 01001 to the Liquor Licensing Commission for a Five Year Term Expiring the First Monday in June of 2004 (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

None.

8. Elections

None.

Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-99-5-(TO-99-24)-Application-Gas Storage Permit-St. Anne's Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane-Request for 1,000 gal. aboveground gasoline (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-99-1-(PH-99-2)-An Ordinance to Add Paragraph 180-14A to the Zoning Code of the Town of Agawam Relative to Delaying the Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings (2nd Reading).

2. TOR-99-2-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor's Salary)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(1st Reading).

3. TOR-99-3-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (City Councilors Salary)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(1st Reading).

4. TO-99-1-Total review of Council Rules and Regulations (Pres. Rheault)(Ref. to Rules & Reg. Comm. on 1/19/99)(Tabled on 2/1/99 - Left on table until 5/17/99 meeting).

5. TO-99-7-Establish a 3 member committee to review salaries of the Mayor, Council and School Committee and all boards here and other communities and to draft an ordinance or resolution accordingly (Pres. Rheault)(Tabled on 5/3/99).

Keenan Spotlights D.A. Bennett On His Latest TV Show

If you are interested in criminal justice and the law, then tune into the newest episode of "From Your House to the State House With Representative Dan Keenan."

Hampden County's top law enforcement officer, District Attorney William Bennett, joins Rep. Keenan on the show. Interested viewers can tune into channel 9, the local community access channel, every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. during the month of May.

Rep. Keenan encourages and welcomes feedback, comments, or questions regarding the television show.

Rep. Keenan can be contacted by phone at 786-4545, or by mail at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Voluntary Recall Of One-Million Carbon Monoxide Detectors

The Agawam Fire Department has announced a voluntary manufacturer's recall of about one-million carbon monoxide detectors, including 650,000 Nighthawks and 350,000 Lifesavers.

Chief David Pisano said Kidde Safety of Mebane, North Carolina, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, announced the recall.

Both brands contain potential defects that could render them inoperative. For additional information, call Kidde Safety, toll-free at 888-543-3346, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of LORI DONUTS, INC., C/O JOHN SALEMA, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a Dunkin Donuts restaurant drive-thru window at the premises identified as: 152-160 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
Published: May 13, 1999

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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Doreen Prouty, Acting Chairperson
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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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Families



PAUL PASALACQUA performed on the keyboard during the recently held patriotic program, "This Land Is Your Land," at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"This Land Is Your Land" Concert At Agawam Senior Center

On April 29th, the Agawam COA and Agawam Senior Center hosted "This Land Is Your Land," a salute to our country, dedicated in memory of musician Arthur Brunell, who gave his talent to the Melody Band.

Also remembered by members of the show was a departed 1998 show singer, Evelyn Gellinas, sister to Olive Lyons.

Featured singers and dancers included: Memory Lane Chorus: Bee Wilson, Leah Nesin, Lee Dion, Inez Daniels, Jeanette Poirer, Elaine Lutat, Wilma Gilliam, Stan Edwards, Dennis Buell, Rose Haynes, Love & Ron Ashton, Jane Nunn, Bernice Burton, Janet Foley, Virginia Lake, Doris Griffin, Ellie Boissonneau, Barbara Kupiec, Jerry Fogg, Muriel Fearn, Lois Midowski, and Bob Coella (pianist).

Tappers: Rita Tetreault, Kay Tesini, Pat Borgatti, Terry Grus, Fran Freeman, Norm Ringuette, Joan Linnehan.

Jazz Dancers: Frances Freeman, Kay Tesini, Irene Avilla, Rita Tetreault, Joan Linnehan.

Melody Band: Evelyn O'Melia, Paul Brusseau, George David, Jim White, Jim Gregor.

Tap and jazz teacher was Cindy Williams.

Homestead Protection Application Slated At Agawam Senior Ctr.

Town homeowners are invited to apply for homestead protection on Thursday, May 20th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor.

The Declaration of Homestead form may provide homestead protection to a homeowner's primary residence, in the event a claim of judgment is obtained against the owner. If a valid homestead is recorded, it would be difficult for a creditor to force a person to sell his or her home to pay the judgement.

The amount of equity which would be exempt from a judgement is \$100,000 for a person under 62, and \$200,000 for a person over 62 or a person who is disabled.

Representatives of the office of the Hampden Registry of Deeds will be present to assist with the forms and will be able to immediately file the form electronically. The filing fee is \$10.

Homeowners are asked to bring their deeds if possible. Deeds recorded after 1962 are available that day electronically.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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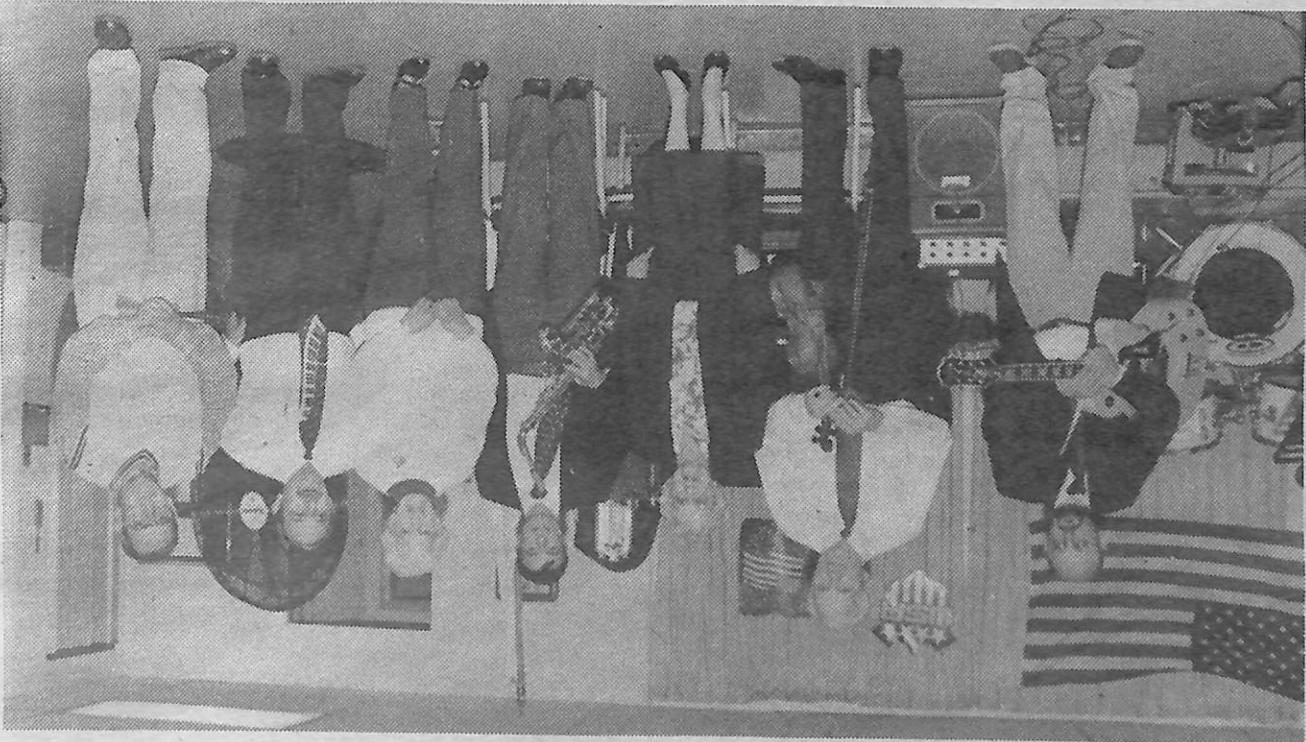
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AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS in the "This Land Is Your Land" performance (from left to right): Rob Donaldson, Paul Brusseau, Evelyn O'Melia, George David, Frances Brunell, Jim White, and Jim Gregor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE MEMORY LANE CHORUS sings the song "This Land Is Your Land" during the salute to our country which was dedicated to musician Arthur Brunell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Happy 100th!!!



ETHEL DUGAN (above) celebrated her 100th birthday with a party for family members and friends at the Captain Leonard House on May 9th. She has lived in Agawam for 80 years, and her late husband, John, was a lieutenant inspector in the Agawam Fire Department. Mrs. Dugan was also feted by the residents and staff of the Danahy School House on Maple Street, where she resides. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Planning 2nd Annual Golf Outing For June 6th

On Sunday, June 6th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its second annual UNICO Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club.

According to Joe Conte, Jr., first vice-president of the Agawam Chapter and chairman of this year's upcoming tournament, this event will feature a hole-in-one contest, with a 1999 automobile as a grand prize.

There will also be two golf packages (one to Florida, and one to Texas), as well as many, many other prizes for everyone. What's more, there will be a complete steak dinner at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, following the tournament.

Once again this year, the tournament will be a scramble, best ball format, and tickets are \$50 per person and \$200 per foursome. Last year's tournament was a sellout, so plan on purchasing your tickets early to assure a chance to play in this great tournament.

Tickets and additional information are available by calling Joe Conte, Jr. at 786-6700, Gene Mutti at 786-7644, or John Conte at 786-9518.

National Health And Fitness Day To Be Celebrated May 19th

The Town of Agawam will be celebrating National Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 19th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School Cafeteria.

The program is open to all residents of this community.

We have invited several health care vendors to celebrate with us: Town of Agawam Fire; Police; Veterans; Health; Library; Alzheimer's Association; American Cancer Society; Longview Associates; Landry, Lyons Stearns & Yerrall, United Way; Walgreens; Social Security Administration; Noble Hospital; Western Mass. Electric Company; Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Agawam Federal Credit Union; Hampden County Retirement Board; and Bank of Boston, to name a few.

There will be refreshments, door prizes, and giveaways.

Come celebrate National Health and Fitness Day with us! For more information, please contact the Personnel Office, Town of Agawam at 786-0400, ext. 213.

Best local news...

Agawam Historical Assoc. Slates Annual Mtg. For May 25th

All are welcome when the Agawam Historical Association holds its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street.

The evening begins with a business meeting and the election of officers for the upcoming year at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., George Neuman, a nationally recognized authority on the Revolutionary War, will give his presentation entitled, "How Washington Won the Unwinnable War."

Dressed and equipped as an actual soldier of that era, he will help us relive that historic struggle. Historical Association President Rick Bellico assures that attendees will leave this meeting singing *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

Mr. Neuman was a consultant to the Revolutionary War Multi-Series TV Project "Liberty" for the Public Broadcasting Network and was the creator of the Neuman Collection of Revolutionary War Militaria now displayed at the Valley Forge National Historical Park. He has also written several books on the subject of the Revolutionary War, and has served as National Commander of the Brigade of the American Revolution.

Cost for tickets is \$12.50 per person, which includes a dinner buffet of baked chicken and baked ham, potatoes, salad, vegetables, fruit bowl, coffee, tea, and dessert.

Those interested in attending should contact Carol or Bill Miller at 786-7329 before May 20th or mail checks to Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001.

The Agawam Historical Association was founded in 1962 to encourage an interest in the collection and preservation of historic materials, documents, and landmarks pertaining to the Town of Agawam; to provide educational opportunities for the dissemination of understanding of facts concerning Agawam's history and the cultivation of civic pride in Agawam's heritage, and; to provide facilities for the proper storage, preservation, and public display of historic artifacts and documents.

Goals for 1999 include the completion of renovations to the Elm Street Fire Station to permit occupancy by the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum, the collection of artifacts, and continued advocacy for the preservation of historic buildings in Agawam. Membership is open to all.

Trips Offered By Agawam Senior Center

Tuesday, May 18th: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Pawtucket Red Sox Senior Day. Cost is \$20 (trip, box seats, hot dog, chips, and beverage).

Thursday, June 17th: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Cathedral of the Pines, Fitzwilliams Inn, Lunt. Cost is \$40.

Thursday, July 15th: Laughing Lobster on Narragansett Bay. Cost is \$54.

For further information and/or reservations, call Joan at 789-3838.



MARK L. MELLONI & CARRIE A. MULLEN

Carrie A. Mullen Engaged To Wed Mark L. Melloni

Mr. & Mrs. James E. Mullen, Jr. of Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie A. Mullen, to Mark L. Melloni. Mark is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Melloni of Feeding Hills.

The future bride is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is currently employed as an Employee Relations Coordinator at Big Y Foods, Inc., in Springfield, MA.

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School and Baron Institute of Technology. He is currently employed as an Industrial Electrician at Beacon, Inc., in Bloomfield, CT.

A June 5, 1999 wedding is planned.

TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam Twice A Month

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffolk Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free.

For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

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Grant To Benefit Student Elder Computer Training

The partnership of the Agawam Senior Center, the Agawam School Department, and CareerPoint of Holyoke has been selected to receive a grant from the Bell Atlantic Foundation.

The grant will fund the Student Elder Computer Training (SECT) Program. SECT offers computer training for Seniors still involved in the work force, with an emphasis on one-on-one tutorials with paid student interns from Agawam High School. The grant was one of 14 partnership grants funded by Bell Atlantic and the only one in Western Massachusetts. The partnership will receive \$36,541.

Known as the EdLink Awards, the grants are designed to fund unique projects which will assist students in making the connection between their classroom assignments and the world of work. The awards were announced by Bob Mudge, Bell Atlantic vice president, and David Driscoll, Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education, at a press conference in Marlboro.

"The EdLink Awards help students see practical applications of what they learn, and help prepare them to pursue higher education that targets their interest and abilities," said Driscoll.

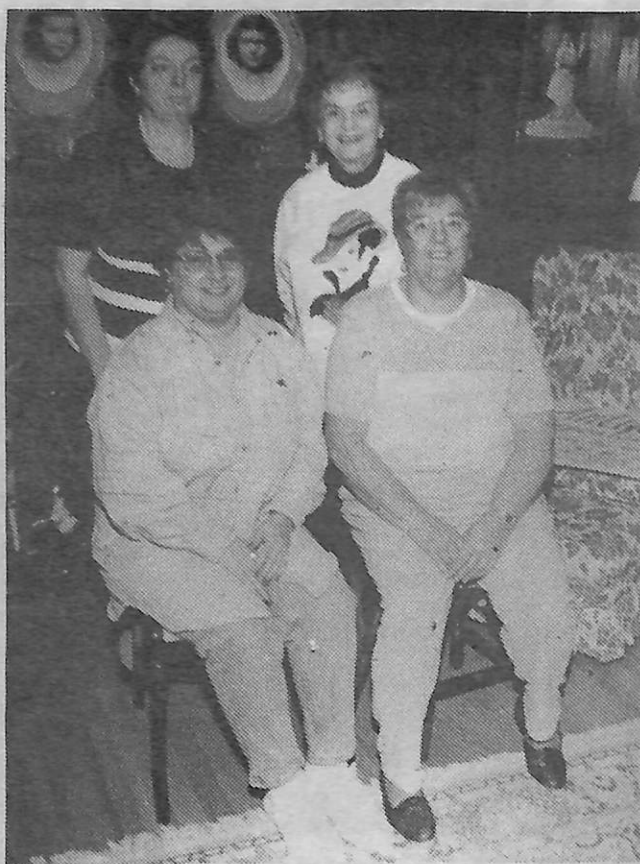
Mudge added, "As the second largest employer in the state, Bell Atlantic realizes how important it is for schools, businesses, and communities to partner to help discover links between school and the workplace."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Agawam students and our older citizens. Elders will learn basic computer skills and students will learn to teach and mentor," said Senior Center Director Richard Mundo.

Naomi Klayman, Director of Programs and Development for CareerPoint, the lead organization in the proposal, stated, "We are honored to be one of the few partnerships rewarded with a grant. The competition was difficult and many proposals were worthy of the awards."

The Pioneer Valley School to Career Partnership is also interested in partnering with SECT and has pledged up to \$1,000 for assessment materials and training.

— Check our classified ads —



ITALIAN WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS: Standing - Terry Galuzzo and Laura Coppola. Seated - Dianne Dellaturre-Stevens (president) and Doris Maule (chairwoman of the May 19th antique appraisal). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Italian Women Slate Antique Appraisal

The Italian Women's Club of the Greater Springfield area will hold an antique appraisal and food sale on Wednesday, May 19th, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Dante Club in West Springfield. The cost will be \$5 for one item, and \$12 for three items (there will be a limit of six items per person). The Douglas Galleries will be the appraisers. For more information, call 789-0082 or 786-2701.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 17th: Pork cutlet and gravy, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, nectarine.

Tuesday, May 18th: New dish — vegetarian chili, tossed salad, corn muffin, vanilla pudding.

Wednesday, May 19th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, pears, whole wheat bread, cookies.

Thursday, May 20th: French meat pie, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, wheat roll, applesauce.

Friday, May 21st: Baked macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Historical Assoc. To Hold Tag Sale For Museum

The tag sale you've been waiting for takes place on Friday, May 14th, and Saturday, May 15th, at the old Elm Street Fire Station, the future home of the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum.

The Agawam Historical Association is holding a tag sale on those days to raise funds for the renovation and running of the museum.

A great selection of toys, books, exercise equipment, and household items has been donated by townspeople for sale. Historical Association president Rick Bellico hopes "this tag sale will become an annual event to help defray the operating costs of the museum."

The tag sale will be held rain or shine (outdoors if the weather's fine; inside if rain threatens).

The tag sale will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on both days.

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Agawam Fire Dept. Donates Brush Truck To Boy Scouts



THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT has donated its 1954 brush truck to the Pioneer Valley Council Boy Scouts. The scouts will use the vehicle for work details at the Moses Scout Camp in Woronoco. IN LEFT PHOTO: Troop 78 Leader Ray LaBorde with Scouts Mike LaBorde, Matt Nay, and Brian Nay. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Ken Connor (District Executive of the Pioneer Valley Council) with Mayor Christopher Johnson, Town Council President Donald Rheault, Fire Chief David Pisano, and Agawam firefighters Larry Grady and Ronald Giordano. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Pack 77 Cub Scouts Slate Bottle Drive For Sat., June 12th

The Cub Scouts of St. John's Pack 77 ask for your support by donating your redeemable bottles and cans at their bottle drive on Saturday, June 12th.

The Cub Scouts will be collecting the bottles and cans from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of St. John's. Please drop off your bottles and cans on that Saturday, or call Cathy (786-5103) for pick-up.

Tag Sale Slated By Parents' Group Of Work Opportunity Ctr.

The annual tag sale sponsored by the Parents' Group of the Work Opportunity Center will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1672 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Meet On Tuesday, May 18th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is having its May meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam.

Dr. Tami Nelson, a local chiropractor, will speak on "Women's Health Issues" and the public is invited to attend.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved. For more information, call Laura Paul at 786-5889.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

"Mother Goose" To Visit Agawam Public Library

Mother Goose is coming to the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

All preschoolers and their families are invited to the library's Community Room to join the festivities as Mother Goose (the well-known storyteller) delights all by bringing to life more than 25 of the best-known rhymes and nursery tales with lively songs and jingles.

There will be plenty of audience interaction using hand-held props and partial costuming. So, bring the family, and bring your camera. You won't want to miss this fun-filled evening.

REGISTER IN PERSON OR CALL 789-1550. Please take note: This program has been rescheduled from a previous date that was listed in the library's school flyers.

Upcoming Activities Sponsored By The Agawam Council On Aging

The Agawam Council on Aging will host "Ballroom Dancing" on Sunday, May 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$2.50 for each dancer.

On Sunday, June 27th, music by the Sydney Snyder Combo will be featured from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, which includes deli grinder, chips, dessert, beverage, and dance admission.

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CONNOR HAMILTON MCANANAMA

The McAnanamas Announce Birth Of Son, Connor Hamilton

Wendy and Stephen McAnanama of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Hamilton, who was born on March 11, 1999. He weighed 11 pounds, one ounce and was 23 inches long.

Connor's grandparents are Sandy and Terry Cripps of Agawam and Mary Mack of Springfield. His great-grandmother is Gertrude Payson of Amherst.



ANDREW JOSEPH ALLEN, JR.

The Allen Family Announces Birth Of Son, Andrew Jr.

Andrew Allen and Denise Allen (Landry) of East Granby, Connecticut are proud to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Joseph, Jr.

Andrew was born on February 5, 1999 at 10:01 a.m. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Andrew's grandparents are Gerald and Theresa Landry of Agawam and Ronald and Linda Allen of Feeding Hills. Great-grandparents are Don and Adeline Charest of Feeding Hills, Carmella Landry of West Springfield, Joseph and Lena Cocchi of Springfield, and Elaine Strysick of New City, NY. Great-great-grandmother is Maggie Cattoni of Springfield.

Agawam Garden Club To Hold Annual Plant Sale This Saturday

The Annual Plant Sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held on Saturday, May 15th on the lawn of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, rain or shine.

Available for sale will be annuals, geraniums, perennials, vegetables, herbs, wildflowers, ground cover, and some small trees and shrubs. In addition, there will be a limited number of hanging flower pots and cemetery logs for sale.

Once again this year, soil testing will be offered to the public for \$1 per sample. Also, there will be a Treasure Table featuring small garden tools, decorative pots and baskets, and garden-related literature for sale.

As always, there will be a baked goods table featuring goods made by Garden Club members. Profit from the plant sale will be added to our scholarship fund.

Upcoming Programs To Be Held At Agawam Senior Center

Following is a list of activities and upcoming programs to be held at the Agawam Senior Center:

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP: The Agawam Senior Center, in conjunction with the Agawam Counseling Center, holds a monthly Caregivers' Support Group on the **third Monday** evening of each month, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

ALLIANCE SUPPORT GROUP: The Alliance for the Mentally Ill Support Group is held on the last Monday evening of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (except holidays). This month's meeting is scheduled for May 24th.

SKIN CARE & PROTECTION: Douglas Gibbs, P.A., from Medical West Dermatology Department, will provide medical information on skin care protection and healthy skin. Join us for lunch.

For reservations, call 789-3838.

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Frozen Store Made Hamburg Patties (25 Patties - 5 Lb. Box)	\$8.99
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Its nuts served as food for humans, farm animals, and wildlife. The hard, rot-resistant wood, with its attractive grain, was fashioned into furniture, paneling, fencing, rail ties, and buildings. Then came a fungus, the chestnut blight, which nearly wiped out the species.

Now, plant researchers with The American Chestnut Foundation are coming closer to developing blight-resistant American chestnut trees to return to our woodlands. However, local chestnut trees genetically accustomed to growing in the Agawam area, but susceptible to the blight must be cultivated to cross with the resistant trees being developed on Foundation research farms.

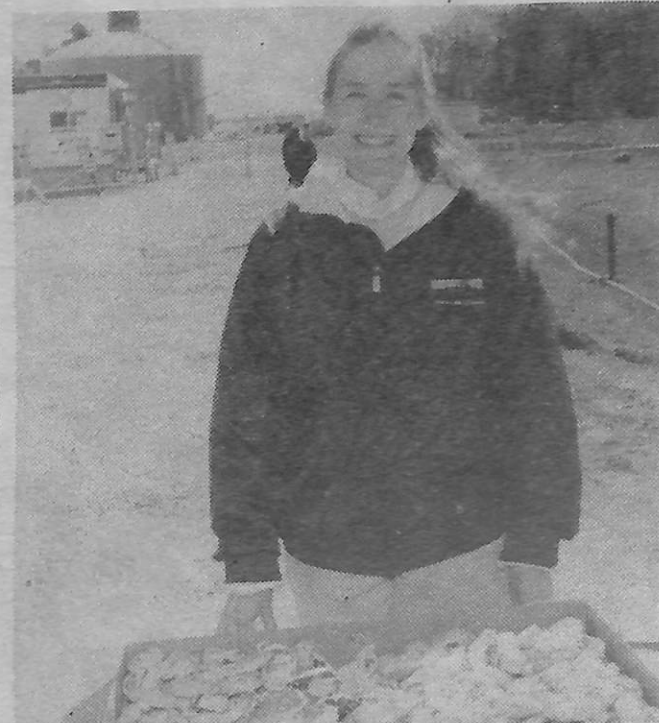
On Arbor Day, the Agawam Public Library and The American Chestnut Foundation conducted a chestnut planting program for area families. Over 80 chestnut seeds were carefully planted by residents, then the plantings were taken home.

Susan Cormier, Massachusetts Development Coordinator, was on hand to provide instructions and materials for the public. For further information on the American chestnut trees and the research, phone Susan at (413) 789-0803.

There is no charge to place birth, engagement, and wedding announcements in The AAN...

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Berkshire Power Holds "Tree Day"...



BERKSHIRE POWER Plant Manager Frank Basile (left photo) and employee Sandy Szlachetka (right photo) during the company's fourth annual "Tree Day" (Sunday, April 25th). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Church News

Annual Rummage Sale At Sacred Heart Church...



THE ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE at Sacred Heart Church was held in the church's Parish Center on Thursday, April 22nd. From left to right: Carol Pignatare, Nancy Doucette, Theresa Barlow, Jeannette Denoncourt, Carol Lehberger, Linda Parrotta, Doris Griffen, and Mary Malachowski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Chicken Supper Slated For May 15th At Valley Community Church

Only two more opportunities before summer break to taste the delicious Chicken Supper held at the Valley Community Church, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

May 15th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. will be your next chance. So, if you're driving by with your window down and the smell of savory, sizzling, baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and gravy comes wafting through, turn in the driveway and come on up the hill to the best chicken deal around.

We'll even throw in a salad, roll, and a choice of one of our famous homemade desserts, all for \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. You can't run afoul at that price!

It helps us to know how many of those plucky little birds to chase down and get ready. So, if you can call in your reservation, Chefs Jeff, Mel, and Margie would appreciate it. Call Jeff Hill at 789-2552 or the church at 786-2445 and let them know how many are coming with you. There's just too much to eat alone!

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READ:
Genesis 6:1-9

Let him who glories
glory in this, that he
understands and
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—Jeremiah 9:24

According to Genesis 6, Noah lived in a time of terrible wickedness, yet he kept himself from all the evil around him. He must have known the Lord in a close, personal way, for he was described as a man who "walked with God" (v.9).

This raises an important question. How do we really get to know someone? Let me illustrate: Many years have passed since that wonderful day my wife and I were married, and I realize how little I knew her at that time. Only after living with her and growing together, through both the sweet and the bitter experiences of life, have I come to appreciate her for who and what she is. I know her better and love her more than ever before.

In a similar manner, it takes time to get to know God. We hear what the Bible says about God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Spirit. But to really get to know God, we must receive Jesus as our personal Savior. Then we must learn all we can about Him through studying God's Word and fellowshiping with Him each day. Getting acquainted with God means talking with our heavenly Father in prayer, trusting and obeying the Lord Jesus, and daily relying on the power and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

That's what it takes to know God. —RWD

*Life's journey is to know the Lord,
To trust Him every day,
To read His Word, to learn His will,
To love Him, and to pray. —Sper*

TO KNOW THE BIBLE IS GOOD;
TO KNOW ITS AUTHOR IS BETTER.

Annual Campership Auction At Agawam Congregational Church

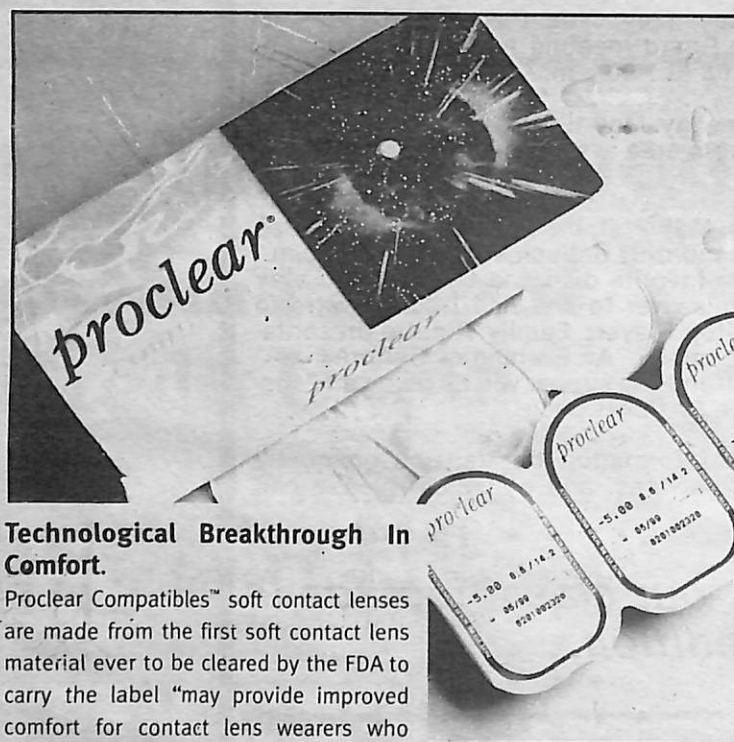
The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Annual Campership Auction on Sunday, May 16th, and Sunday, May 23rd, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in Bryan Hall during the Coffee Hour.

A master sheet with items to bid on will be available on Sunday, the 16th. Silent bids (prior to the auctions) will be accepted for each Sunday auction beginning Sunday, May 16th.

Samples of some items for bid are: airplane ride; weekend at the Cape; boat and picnic day on Lake George; tickets to Yankees/Red Sox game at Yankee Stadium; manicures; massages; hair styling; babysitting; lawn care; lunch and ride in new convertible; tickets to Springfield Falcons; day at Fenway Park; and more!

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Operation Friendship's Latest Roast Beef Dinner...



ON SATURDAY, MAY 1ST, the Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship held a roast beef dinner at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. In left photo: Charles and Yola Jedlicka. In middle photo: kitchen helpers Jan Caruso and Jim Davignon. In right photo: Operation Friendship members Richard Rozanski, Jennifer Jutte, and Jenine Davignon. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar From Valley Comm. Church

The grace of God continues to be with Valley Community Church as we journey toward Pentecost Sunday. We are a non-denominational Christian church which welcomes all people of the Christian faith or those who would come to know Christ.

Our services are held at our lovely church, which sits upon the hill at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA.

Our Sunday morning worship service begins at 9:30 a.m., and this Sunday our interim pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Loesch, will lead us in our continuing journey through Revelation.

The scripture will be Revelation 3: 1-16, and the message is "Dead, Yet Alive — The Church at Sardis."

Fellowship follows at 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.

On Monday, May 17th, there will be an Administrative Board meeting and a Board of Missions meeting at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 19th, the Junior and Senior Choirs will rehearse at 6:15 and 7:00 p.m., respectively.

On Friday, May 21st, the Parish Life Committee will hold its monthly potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite dish and then plan to stay after and walk over to The Red Door Theatre to see The Hilltop Players Family Theatre presentation of the comedy "An Evening of Culture."

All who attend the supper will be given a \$2 discount off the \$7 ticket price.

For more information on Valley Community Church, its services, and activities, please call 786-2445.

Check our classified ads in each edition...

Sacred Heart Church In Feeding Hills Announces Activities And Happenings

Agawam Catholic Singles Group

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group meets the second Thursday of each month at St. John's Parish Center, Main Street, at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 16th: Walking tour of the Springfield Armory. Free. Contact Carol at 789-2843.

Tuesday, May 18th: 7:00 p.m., Planning Committee, St. John's Parish Center.

Friday, May 21st: Movie & coffee. Contact Irene at 789-2018.

GOLF

St. Thomas PTO 4th Annual Golf Tournament. May 21st at Shaker Farms Country Club. 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start. Four-Man Scramble. Entry fee,

\$85. Includes lunch, golf cart, dinner, and prizes.

Call Mike Murphy at 789-0368 to register. All funds raised go to St. Thomas School.

Also accepting raffle prize donations and tee sponsorships.

OPEN PANTRY

The monthly collection for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will take place next weekend, May 15th/16th.

Needed are non-perishables such as canned meats, pasta, cereal, canned tuna, peanut butter, etc. Also, paper goods, especially toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels.

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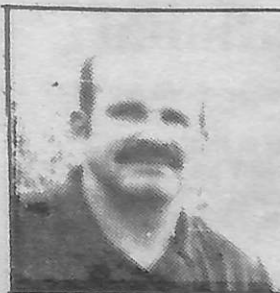
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The Lord's Prayer...

When people think of the Lord's Prayer, they often think of the prayer which begins, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name."

However, that's not really the Lord's Prayer. It would be more appropriately named "The People's Prayer," because Jesus taught it to His disciples to give them a format for prayer.

Luke's gospel tells us how we received the People's Prayer from Jesus.

One of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'"

To hallow God's name is to honor Him for who He is, to show God respect. That's the very least each of us should do. When we pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done," we ask for God's will to be done in our own lives.

The Bible describes the kingdom of God as righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Who wouldn't want that?

God wants to provide for us; He enjoins us to ask Him for our necessities. God wants to forgive us; all He requires is that we acknowledge our sins, and to forgive others as well.

The real Lord's Prayer is found in John's gospel, chapter 17. In part, Jesus prayed, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

"Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as we are one. Now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves. I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but I ask You to protect them from the evil one."

"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one. As You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in Us. Father, I desire that they may be with Me where I am, to see my glory. I have made Your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

When Jesus gave us the People's Prayer, He taught us to pray for ourselves. In the real Lord's Prayer, we see Jesus praying for us.

Notice the wonderful things which Jesus prayed for on our behalf. Twice we see Him praying for our protection; from the things which separate us from God, and then specifically from the devil.

He also prayed that we will receive His joy, and that His joy would be complete in us. When Jesus prayed "Sanctify them in the truth," the actual phrase is "Make them holy in the truth of You." We also see Jesus praying that we would see and know His glory.

While God does care about our happiness, He's far more interested in our holiness. Knowing God, and living according to His truth, is the path to holiness. Finally, Jesus prayed that we receive God's love.

The Bible tells us that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. There is none more righteous than Jesus. He prayed "on behalf of those who believe in Me."

Can you imagine; the Son of God praying for you? Shouldn't we all want to be Jesus' disciples?

Rev. Monahan's
"Reflections"
 is a weekly
 feature of the
Advertiser News.

Weekly Calendar Of News And Notes From St. John's Parish In Agawam

SISTER FRANCES WHITE

A "thank you" reception for Sister Frances White was held on Saturday, May 8th. Hundreds of parishioners gathered to thank Sister Fran for her long and devoted services.

She will join the Sisters of St. Joseph Leadership Council as her next assignment.

FATHER KARL HULLER MEMORIAL

There will be a formal dedication of the lower church area as the "Father Karl Huller Educational Center" on Sunday, May 23rd. The ceremony will take place immediately after the 11:30 Mass, followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

All are invited.

BIBLE CAMP

Our Annual Bible Camp for children ages four through eight will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Registration forms will be on hand in the Parish Office after May 15th. Volunteers, teens, and adults are needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

The third annual Diocesan Gathering of youth will take place on Sunday, June 27th, at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen.

All students in grades seven through 12 are invited to attend this day of recreation, music, Mass, and food. Cost is only \$5.

For registration/information, call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

A letter for pre-registration for Religious Education for next September was mailed recently. The deadline for returning the form is August 1st.

If there are any problems or questions, call

Sister Francis Gloster at 786-8105.

JUBILEE 2000

The list of activities for the Parish celebration of the Millennium/Jubilee year continues to expand, but has not been exhausted as yet.

Would you like to participate in the project to spruce up St. John's field on Leonard Street? A work crew will be established for this project, and it might be a lot of fun. Give the Rectory a call.

Remember, you won't be around for the Millennium 3000. Get involved when and how you can now! There are many projects on the table to meet varied schedules and talents. Call Bert Bertolino (786-1449), Paul Briere (789-4551), or Pat Drewniak (786-7270).

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

May 16th: Community Walking Tour/Springfield Armory (free). Contact Carol, 789-2843.

May 18th: Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 21st: Movie/Coffee. Contact Irene, 789-2018.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We are continuing our Scripture Video program twice weekly: Monday nights at 7:00 p.m., and Friday mornings at 9:10 a.m. Come join us — it doesn't hurt!

There is a brief background for next Sunday's Gospel, with some points of Biblical information. Quite good!

BOTTLE DRIVE

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77 will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

You can drop off redeemable bottles and cans at that time, or call Cathy at 786-5103 to arrange for a pickup.

Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Golf Tournament Slated For Saturday, June 5th

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Ninth Annual Charlie McCobb Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5th, at St. Anne's Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and youths. There is a \$35 fee, which includes greens, cart, and buffet. The deadline is May 21st. For tee times and reservations, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783; Warren Parker, 786-5392; or the church office, 786-7111.

There will be prizes, prizes, and more prizes! Again this year, we will have special prizes for hole-in-ones: third hole — golf vacation for two/set of clubs; ninth hole — \$10,000; 11th hole — set of Tour Edge Fibersonic Irons; and 13th hole — framed artwork. There will also be a \$100 cash prize for the Low Gross Team (\$25 each player), plus many more prizes.

This tournament raises funds for our Family &

Youth Outreach Ministries. You may help us reach our goal of \$3,000 by becoming a hole sponsor/green (\$50); taking a business ad in our golf program (\$25); or becoming one of our personal patrons (\$15 [which includes a ticket to the buffet at the end of the tournament] or \$10 donation). Join our list of contributors!

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 (Reservations By May 17, 1999)

Church News - continued...

Catholic Women's Club's "Fashion Show"...



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Catholic Women's Club served as models during a "Fashion Show" held on Thursday, April 22nd, in the social center of St. John's Church in Agawam. Among the models were (from left to right) Danielle DeForge, Betty Jury, Joan Teahan, Jane Trevethan, Jackie Toussaint, and Joan Malinoski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHOWING OFF THE LATEST summer and spring styles during the Catholic Women's Club's "Fashion Show" - Bernie Polopek, Adele Gallano, Terry Longo, Carolyn Capitanio, Lil Doyle, Carol Pignatare, Peggy Lepper, Angela Beaudry, Paula Raiche, and Maureen Fullam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, May 16th, is the Seventh Sunday of Easter and Youth Sunday.

The Rev. Eric Bascom, former minister of Faith United Church in Springfield, will be our Guest Preacher at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

His Sermon will be "The Greatest Short Story," taken from Text: Luke 15:11-24. Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director, will present the Children's Message, "Experiencing God in New Ways."

The kindergarten through fourth grade will be leading and participating in the service.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The final Adult Bible Discussion Group will meet at 7:45 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service on May 19th. All are invited to attend this informal, non-threatening, fun group.

For more information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

(The group will recess for the summer months and resume in September.)

The Fifth Annual Cabaret will be held on Saturday, May 15th, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. A dinner will be served before the entertainment. Cost is \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit the "Organ Restoration Fund."

Join us for a night of beautiful music and fellowship. Space is limited, so call early for your reservation.

Call the church office for more information or to reserve your tickets, 786-7111.

A Campership Auction will be held on two Sundays, May 16th and 23rd, following the Worship Services. Crafts, services, baked goods, and more will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Call the church office at 786-7111 for more information. All money received will be put in the Campership Fund for children and adults to attend camps this summer.

Toys wanted! New (or almost-new toys) are needed for our nursery. We are replacing all toys that have seen better days and need replacements.

Toys should be clean, without sharp edges, without small parts, and ensure proper safety.

To donate, call the church office at 786-7111.

The Youth Service Project to clean all toys in the nursery will take place this Saturday, May 15th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Adults are welcome to assist the youths.

The "Spring into Summer Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts, flea market finds, a carnival area, a delicious luncheon, and surprises. Join us!

For further information, contact the church office, 786-7111.

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"Youth Sunday" To Be Celebrated This Week At First Baptist Church In Agawam

Youth Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday morning at First Baptist Church. The service, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., will feature special presentations by the youth members of the church.

Those taking part in the morning's service are Ricky Walker, who will lead the recitation of the Lord's prayer.

Mallori Grimaldi and Rachel Bailey will give a special presentation entitled, "C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N," and **Three Trees** will be presented by Marisa McLaughlin.

The scriptural reading will be given by Carmen Oyola. A spontaneous melodrama will include

Ashley Bessette and everybody in attendance.

The morning's program is being planned by Stephen Bailey, Youth Director, and the Youth Leader Team.

There will be a coffee hour and reception immediately following the worship program in Davis Hall.

On Tuesday evening, May 18th, the Mr. & Mrs. Club will hold their annual banquet and installation of officers. The event will take place at the Se-

cond Baptist Church in Suffield.

A punch bowl with assorted snacks will be presented at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., prepared by the ladies of the Church.

The program for the evening will be Irish dancers from the John Boyle O'Reilly Club of Springfield. If you don't have your reservation in and wish to attend, call Jean Goss or the church office.

The Caring Connection will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

News And Notes From F. Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The lectionary readings for the seventh Sunday of Easter will be Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11. The Lector will be Diane Fiejdasz. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Dealing With What We Can Control." Children are invited to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The next meeting of the Agawam Parish Association will take place at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, May 15th at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to attend, even if you are not a member. Reservations may be made by calling 786-1912 or 786-7111 on or before May 14th.

The Board of Trustees will meet this month on Monday, May 17th instead of May 10th as previously scheduled.

Church members and friends are reminded that the deadline to submit information for publication in the June church newsletter is Thursday, May 20th. Last month, almost every committee managed to leave information for Elaine and it was very much appreciated.

The Board of Christian Education has planned Movie Night for Friday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. This is a good time to drop off baked goods for the sale the following day. A car wash and tag sale/bake sale will take place on Saturday, May 22nd from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. CE needs your donations of saleable treasures as well as baked goods and help in manning the tables and washing cars. Please speak to Lynn Hill or any member of the board if you can help.

The Cub Scout Pack 78 will celebrate the end of their year with a family picnic here at the church on Sunday, May 16th beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tiger graduation will take place at this final meeting.

On Sunday, May 23rd, we will celebrate the end of another successful year of Sunday School with an all-church picnic. The picnic will follow the morning's worship service which will feature many of our students.

Summer camp registration and church camper-ship information for children and adults is available from Lynn Hill. Camp brochures are available in Griswold Hall. Please see Lynn Hill or Lani Kretschmar if you are interested in registering for summer camp. Financial aid forms for Grotonwood were also available from Lynn Hill.

On the calendar:

Saturday, May 15th: 8:30 a.m., Agawam Parish at Agawam Congregational

Sunday, May 16th: 10:00 a.m., Worship; 12:30 p.m., Cub Scout Pack Meeting and Picnic

Monday, May 17th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees

Tuesday, May 18th: 7:00 p.m., AA; 7:30 p.m., Deacons

Wednesday, May 19th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir

Thursday, May 20th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., AA

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Tort

G.L.c. 93A - Breach of Warranty Snowblower

Where (1) a plaintiff, who was injured by an allegedly defective snowblower manufactured by the defendant, brought suit charging the defendant with breach of warranty and violation of G.L.c. 93A and (2) this court ruled that the plaintiff was unentitled to relief under G.L.c. 93A because the underlying warranty claim arose at the time of the sale which predated the enactment of G.L.c. 93A, the plaintiff should now be granted relief under G.L.c. 93A because he has shown that the warranty claim did not arise until the time of the injury.

Accordingly, the \$205,000.00 judgement on the warranty claim is doubled to \$410,000.00 pursuant to G.L.c. 93A.

The following is the Judge's decision on a G.L.c. 93A count arising from injuries the plaintiff suffered from the defendant's snowblower:

"Specifically, the plaintiffs argue that a breach of warranty occurs at the time of injury, not at the time of sale. Thus no issue of retroactivity exists. Plaintiffs further contend that even if the law bars 93A claims based on a breach of warranty where the product's sale occurred before 93A's effective date, the defendant waived its right to raise the defense. Upon reflection, I agree with plaintiff's argument that a breach of warranty occurs at the time of injury and amend my decision accordingly as to whether the defendant violated 93A under an implied warranty theory. Goods must be fit for their intended uses...A product may be unreasonably dangerous because of a defect in design or the absence of an adequate warning, sufficient to alert those who may be sensitive to the product and to allow users to balance the risk of harm against the product's social utility...Some states hold manufacturers liable under an implied warranty of merchantability for failure to warn or provide instructions about reasonably foreseeable risks. The manufacturer retains a continuing duty to warn of risks discovered following the product's sale...Though a softer standard, the defendant does not escape liability on the facts before this court. Studies published around the time or shortly after the snowblower's initial sale and many years before the plaintiff purchased the snowblower and suffered his injuries demonstrate both the dangers and safer designs available. The defendant did not warn its customers about the snowblower's dangers prior or subsequent to the sale, thereby violating its continuing duty to warn. Consequently, I find that the defendant violated G.L.c. 93A."

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Alan L. Ferrigno's



PAUL VADNAIS, owner of "The Bag Man," which is located in the Community Shoppes in Feeding Hills (between Agawam Junior High School and the Post Office). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"The Bag Man" In Feeding Hills Offers Some Interesting Gift Ideas

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

With graduation time closing in, finding the right gift is as easy as stopping at **The Bag Man** in the Community Shoppes (located between the Agawam Junior High School and the Feeding Hills Post Office).

In a store that is neat and clean with a versatile and interesting selection, the ideal gift can easily be found. Even better, almost every product comes with a lifetime warrantee. **The Bag Man** motto is "Highest Quality - Lowest Prices!"

Some items for fun, picnics, climbing, camping, or exercise include duffle bags in several sizes, including duffle bags on wheels, fanny packs in a variety of sizes with organizers, backpacks with water bottle, backpacks with leather trim, camouflage backpacks, lunch bags, and much, much more.

Only one example of the great prices is the backpack on wheels and its suitcase, with a detachable backpack to use as a carry-on. This would normally sell for over \$230, but at **The Bag Man**, the prices is just \$109! This 28" suitcase/backpack combo on wheels has a removable daypack in front that zips off to be used to bring valuables as a carry-on. This is the bag that young people are taking to Europe now; it is light and small, but holds jewelry, passports, credit cards, and other valuables. In addition to gifts, your selections can become the easiest yet, with the variety of bags available at **The Bag Man**. A green, black, navy, and white backpack is \$33. And a small backpack is just \$16.

What ideal gifts these make! With free parking outside, a convenient location, and a huge selection, **The Bag Man** could become a one-stop shopping haven.

The Bag Man also sells backpacks on wheels, which are popular with students. Parents appreciate the item, as well, because it spares strain on their children's spinal column. These come in a slightly larger size for travel. Owner Paul Vadnais has other great gift suggestions, too. To call, the number is 413-789-7462.

To appreciate the variety of bag types, the public is invited to come and check out **The Bag Man's** selection, which includes camera bags, laptop bags, soft briefcases, garment bags, garment bags on wheels, and sport bags. **The Bag Man** sells the brand called "Western Pack." Hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Gift certificates are also available in any denomination. MasterCard, VISA, and American Express gladly accepted.

Paul Vadnais has been selling his bags at marine, camping, and RV shows from Portland, Maine to Atlantic City—from West Springfield to Hartford, to Providence, Rhode Island. Many people who saw the selection of suitcases and carry all bags at these shows asked about a retail store; hence, the establishment of **The Bag Man**, which is located right at Feeding Hills Center and offers some very useful merchandise and some great gift ideas. It couldn't be more convenient!



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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Keenan & Molta Names New Vice-Presidents

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates is proud to announce that Patti Dunn-O'Connell and Barry Boccasile have been named as Vice President of Corporate Operations and Vice President of Corporate Development respectively.

Patti received a Bachelor of Science degree from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and was previously the Business Manager at Keenan & Molta Associates. She is a Selectman for the Town of Southwick, previously the secretary and member of the Economic Development Committee, Chairman of the Local Partnership Committee, and five-year member, secretary, and spokesperson of the Southwick Volunteer Library Building Committee. As Vice President of Operations, Patti will be responsible for all office management and fiscal operations.

Patti resides in Southwick with her husband, Robert, and their son, Thomas, and daughter, Molly. She is a member of the Parents Advisory Committee for Southwick-Tolland Regional High School, committee member for the Boy Scout Troop 114 and Explorer Post 872, Merit Badge Advisor for Religious Awards for BSA Troop 114, and CCD teacher and communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Church.

Barry Boccasile, a lifelong resident of Agawam, has been with Keenan & Molta Associates since the company's inception in 1988. Barry attended Berkley College of Music in Boston and then traveled throughout the country and the world as a professional musician.

In 1982, he settled back in Western Massachusetts as a musician and music educator. Since 1990, Barry has held his Massachusetts Real Estate Broker's license, has managed each of the Keenan & Molta sales offices, and was responsible for a large percentage of the company's growth through his recruitment efforts.

Barry has attended numerous Coldwell Banker University courses and seminars throughout the country, including the demanding Coldwell Banker "Hire Power" Recruitment Series and graduated number one in the Northeast Regional Class.

In 1997, Barry was appointed as the General Manager, responsible for the recruitment of sales associates. As Vice President of Corporate Development, he will be responsible for the company's growth through corporate mergers, acquisitions and recruitment of sales associates.

Barry can be reached at 413-747-4980.



BARRY BOCCASILE



PATTI DUNN-O'CONNELL

Joe Coughlin Appointed As Manager Of Molta Associates' Springfield Office

Robert P. Molta, President of COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, is proud to announce that JOE COUGHLIN has been appointed as the new Springfield office manager.

Joe has sold over \$18 million in real estate over the past 10 years, has extensive management experience, and holds a Massachusetts and Connecticut real estate license. He has earned his Certified Buyers Representative designation and three real estate customer service awards. Joe has been a consistent multi-million dollar producer.

Joe is a 20-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard and resides in East Longmeadow with his wife, Linda, and their three children.

Joe can be reached at 783-2000, 263-3651, or 525-3446.

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Westfield Bank Donates \$2,000 To Mental Health Clinic

Westfield Bank President Donald A. Williams recently announced that the bank had provided funding to the Westfield Area Mental Health Clinic, Inc. to purchase tickets from the Westfield Theatre Group.

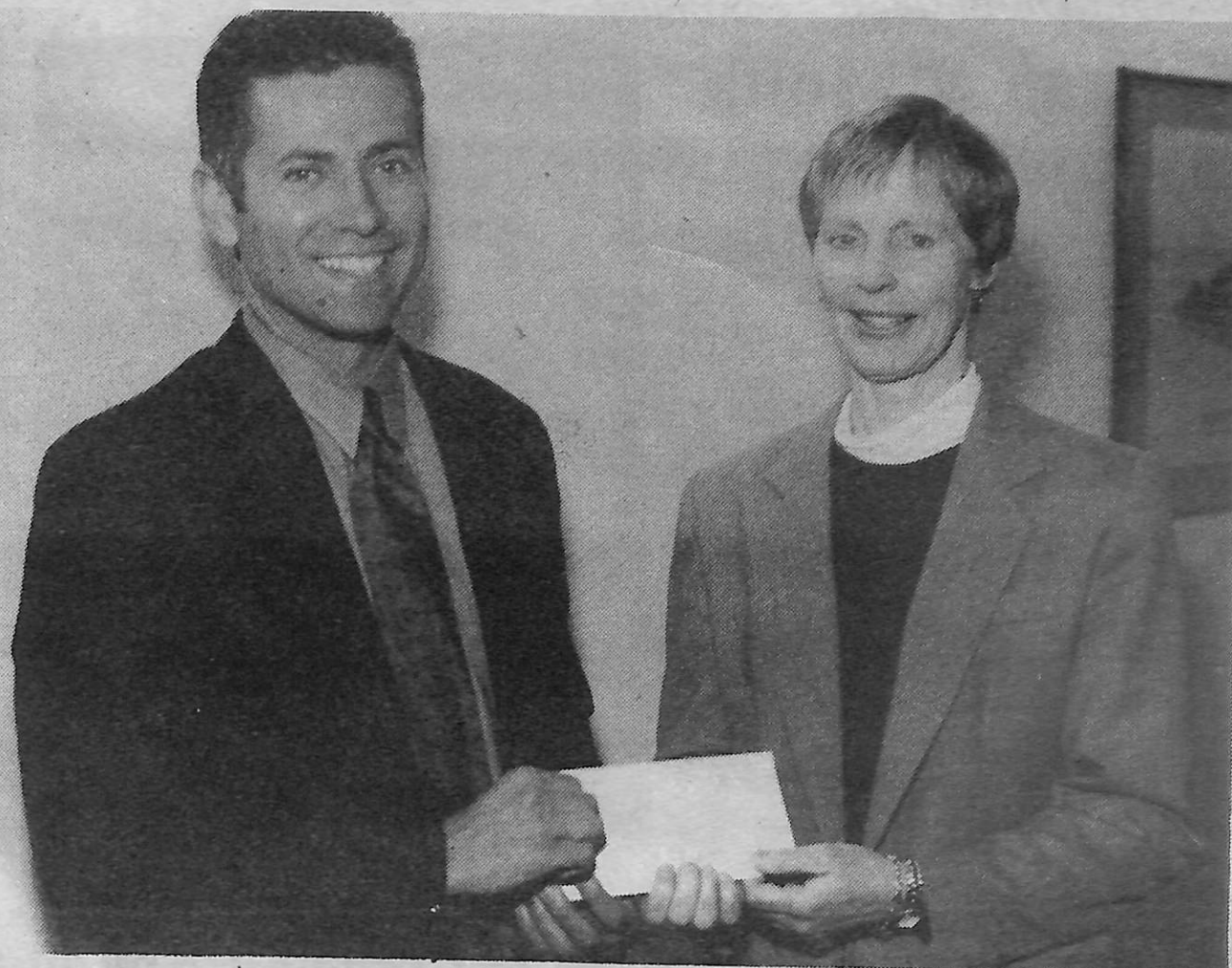
The \$2,000 donation from the bank allowed the Clinic the opportunity to purchase Opening Night tickets, which were then resold to theatergoers with the proceeds used by the Clinic.

At the check presentation, Allen Miles, Vice President of Commercial Lending noted, "Westfield Bank is pleased to be able to help such a worthy organization achieve their fundraising objectives. As with other healthcare-related organizations, the Clinic is faced with limited funding and each of these fundraisers helps them provide needed community services."

Kathleen E. Zadig, Executive Director of the Westfield Area Mental Health Clinic, stated, "On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Clinic, I want to thank Westfield Bank for its generous contribution of \$2,000 in support of our annual spring fundraising event."

The Clinic was able to make the event successful "with a net profit in the range of \$3,300." She concluded with the comment, "Thanks again. We are very grateful for your help."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent banks in the area with assets of over \$580 million. Headquarters in Westfield, the bank has branches in West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, and East Longmeadow. A new location on Main Street in downtown Springfield will open soon.



ALLEN MILES, Vice President of Commercial Lending at Westfield Bank, presents a check for \$2,000 on behalf of the bank to Kathleen E. Zadig, Executive Director of the Westfield Area Mental Health Clinic.

M. Grace Fuastino Joins Springfield Office Of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Assoc.

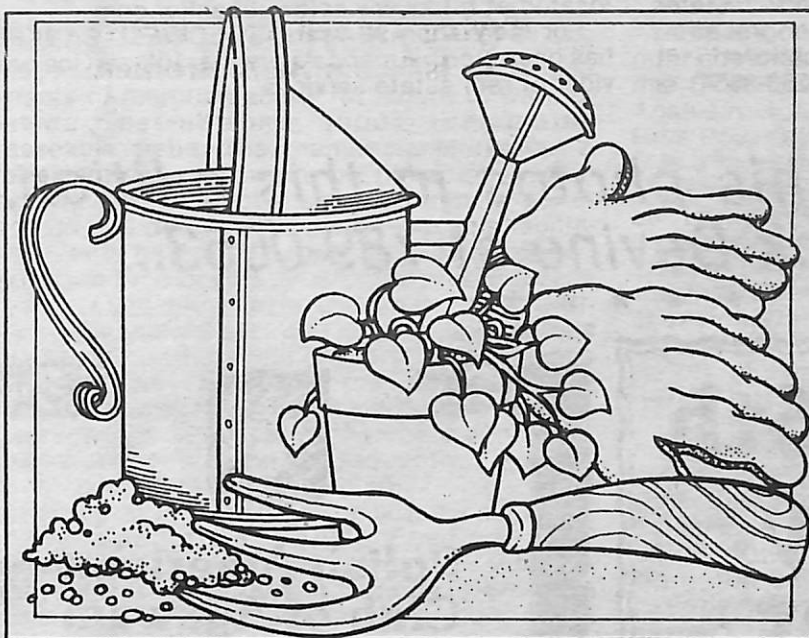
Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that M. Grace Fuastino has joined the Springfield office as a Sales Associate.

Grace began her real estate career three years ago in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Locally, Grace is

attending Western New England College and has been employed with Goodwill Industries in Springfield and Hartford as a Human Resource Generalist.

Grace can be reached at 413-748-7510 or 413-783-2000.

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue N. Alvanos
Personal Financial Advisor
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534-3883.

Caring For Your Own Financial Future

Because women often assume the role of caretaker, they often overlook the important responsibility they have in looking after their own needs — especially in financial issues.

The December 1997 issue of *American Demographics* states that only 19 percent of women surveyed consider themselves competent when it comes to investing money. The good news is that this represents a seven-percent increase in the two-year period from 1994 to 1996.

If you're among the growing number of women who want to take better care of their financial health, here are some tips for success:

Gain the knowledge you need. The more you know about investing, the more confident you'll be about making financial decisions. You can gain that knowledge by:

Attending financial seminars or workshops. Seminars are fun, educational ways to learn about investments and financial planning.

Reading personal finance magazines or books. Many are available, so choose the ones with the style and features you enjoy.

Talking to friends and family members. Friends and family are a great source of information. Remember, however, that what works for others may not be best for you.

Joining an investment club. Investment clubs provide a fun, inexpensive opportunity to learn more about investing with some hands-on application.

Meeting with a financial advisor. Knowledgeable advice can be valuable to your financial-decision making process.

Choose a trusted advisor. The right financial advisor will take time to understand your needs and answer all your questions. In addition, she or he should:

- Offer personalized advice by taking time to understand your financial situation.
- Provide information about market trends and recommend appropriate investments.
- Explain investment concepts and ideas so you can make informed decisions.
- Treat you with respect and dignity and show that your investments are important.

Create a plan for your future. Procrastination is the number one stumbling block for people who fall short of meeting their financial goals. That's why it's important to start now. Whether you plan your finances with a partner or on your own, you can take responsibility for your own financial security by:

Determining where you stand today. Then you will know exactly where your money is coming from and where it's going.

Knowing where you want to go. Set your goals — both short-term goals like buying a house or long-term goals such as funding college or retirement.

Developing a plan to get there. Consistency is the key. Paying yourself first with a regularly scheduled savings or investment plan may be the most effective and painless way to reach your financial goals. However, even this does not guarantee a profit or protect against losses when the markets decline.

Most importantly, make financial independence a high priority in your life. Despite your busy daily routine and endless list of responsibilities.

Molta Supports Great New England Auction

On Saturday, April 24th, Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates worked the phone banks well into the early hours of Sunday morning.

This is the third year for the Keenan & Molta team who plan on making The Great New England Auction an annual company event. Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, said, "It's a pleasure to have the opportunity to make a contribution to the community we serve."

The Great New England Auction ran April 14th-17th and April 21st-24th. WGBY was again successful in attaining their annual goal.

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BARBARA A. CAMPANELLA

Barbara A. Campanella Is Marketing/Comm. Director At WNEC

Barbara A. Campanella of Feeding Hills has been appointed director of marketing and communications at Western New England College, it was announced recently by Dr. Anthony S. Caprio, college president.

As director, Campanella oversees all publications, advertising, and public relations activities for the institution and its 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She returns to Western New England College after 25 years, at which time she was the director of student activities. Most recently, she served as dean of communications and college relations at Bay Path College.

With nearly 20 years' experience in the marketing and strategic communications field, Campanella has coordinated the promotional activities for local visits by national and world leaders, such as the former secretary of labor and secretary of transportation, Elizabeth Dole; ABC news correspondent Cokie Roberts; Haitian president Jean Bertrand Aristide; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; the former prime minister of Great Britain, Lady Margaret Thatcher; three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, and others.

Additionally, she has taught college-level courses and lectured extensively in the region in the areas of public speaking, public relations, and marketing within the corporate and nonprofit sectors.

She holds an M.Ed. in counseling and psychological services from Springfield College and a B.A. in communications from Bridgewater (MA) State College.

An active volunteer in the greater Springfield area, she has served on numerous committees, boards, and think tanks for organizations including the Spirit of Springfield, Basketball Hall of Fame, New Leadership Charter School, Urban League of Greater Springfield, City of Springfield Millennium Committee, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

Commenting on the appointment, Jane Albert, vice president of advancement and marketing at the College, said, "Barbara's outstanding record of accomplishments in higher education and the community help raise the bar for marketing standards in our industry. We welcome her return to Western New England College and recognize the expertise and leadership skills she brings to the marketing and public relations efforts at the College."

Western New England College, founded in 1919, is a private, comprehensive, coeducational institution located on an attractive 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield. The College serves its 4,800 students on its Springfield main campus, and at 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth. Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

Norma Jean Auchter Joins Molta Assoc.

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that Norma Jean Auchter has joined the Springfield office.

Norma has 30 years real estate experience, is the past president of both the Monson Women's Club and Wing Hospital Auxiliary. Also, she is a current trustee of Wing Memorial Hospital.

Norma resides in Palmer with her husband, Attorney John Auchter, and their seven children.

Norma can be reached at 413-755-2526 or 413-783-2000.



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The object of running a ceiling fan in cooler months is to pull warm air toward the ceiling and recirculate in the room, theoretically making the room more comfortable. The fan should run slowly so it does not create a draft, which would have a cooling effect. There is some doubt about the benefit of running a ceiling fan in winter. However, tests show that best winter results are obtained in rooms with high ceilings.

Raymond Rose is the Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his **FREE** online newsletter, **THE PIONEER REPORT - Online**. Thanks!

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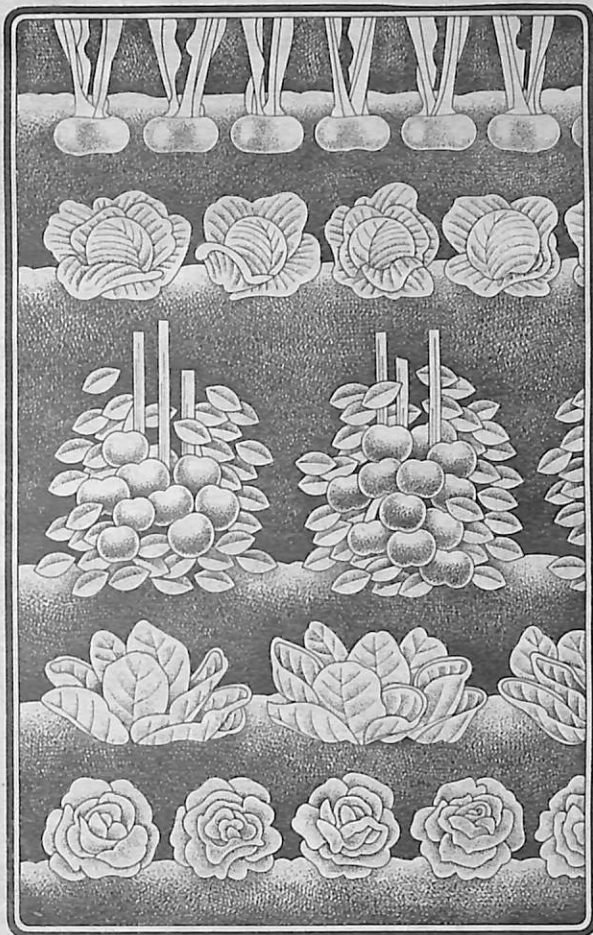
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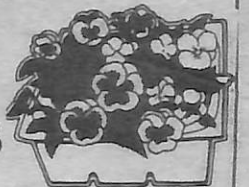
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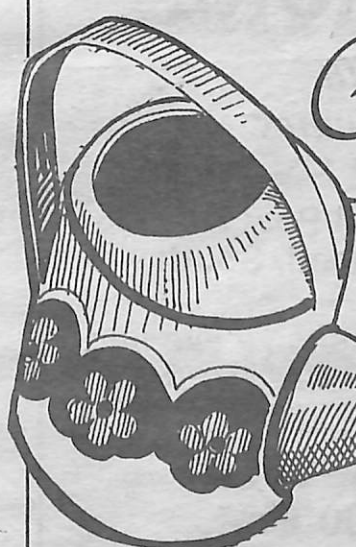


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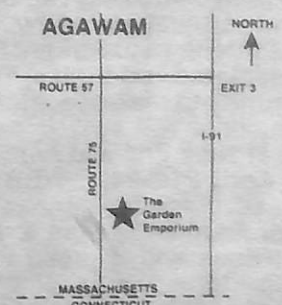
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For Your Health

Longmeadow Physician To Present "Save Your Skin" At Agawam Library

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

Longmeadow physician James A. Solomon, board certified dermatologist and PhD in immunology, will present a program entitled "Save Your Skin" on Wednesday, May 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Dr. Solomon presently serves as assistant clinical professor of dermatology at Tufts University School of Medicine. This program is part of Agawam Library's Health Series and promises to be both fascinating and enlightening.

As summer approaches and our exposure to the sun increases, ultraviolet skin aging and skin cancers often become more prevalent. Dr. Solomon will talk about ways to prevent these and other effects on our skin, enabling participants to make lifestyle choices for this summer and the future.

Dr. Solomon is noted for giving patients unique and individualized overall care. He can identify sensitivities using patch tests, detailed patient information, and workups. During his full-time academic career at Boston University School of Medicine, he developed research expertise in this area.

"Healthy skin is a healthy body because the skin is the largest organ of the body. In the past, there was a somewhat Victorian, or even Puritanical, perception of the skin (thought of almost like a shell), which resulted in tanning booths, creams, and devices which made claims which were untrue.

"What is out there now," he continues, "is a revolution in chemicals, drugs, and high-tech machines that create the potential to do 40 percent to 80 percent 'actual skin repair.'"

According to newer Food and Drug Administration regulations, a product or process cannot claim to "fix" skin problems unless it actually changes structure or function, he noted.

"Unless it does that," explains Dr. Solomon, "it can only claim to reduce the appearance of wrinkles, stretch marks, or whatever."

Dr. Solomon's presentation will cover four basic points of skin care. First, "Therapeutics," which involves defining the problem and choosing which medications or high-tech equipment is needed to fix the problem. Problems might be anything from scarring, wrinkling, acne scars, stretch marks, rhinophyma (enlarged nose that accompanies rosacea), blood vessels on legs or face, dyspigmentation, eczema, psoriasis, hair loss, skin cancer, and other concerns.

The next part will address what Dr. Solomon calls "Turning Around." During this phase, the patient is asked to alter behaviors according to individual needs. "This could mean increasing exer-

cise, drinking more water, changing to a diet lower in fat and higher in fiber, and avoiding substances to which they are allergic," he said.

The third part will expand on "Knowledge to Distinguish." Dr. Solomon teaches the patient the reasoning and science of the changes. "At first, the patient does not know if the doctor is correct, but after making the suggested changes, the patient begins to feel better and is more open to the logic of the change. From the physician's view, the need for the change is compelling, because this is a patient who is ill and suffering."

The fourth segment of the discussion will be to "Continue the Correct Behaviors." The patient needs to incorporate the changes into daily life, learning how this affects them as well as other people around them. "By overcoming challenges and seeing continued improvement, the patient can keep making the correct choices," Dr. Solomon told us.

Dr. Solomon's manner is straightforward and honest. He served on the Contact Dermatitis Committee of the American Academy of Dermatology from January 1994 through March 1998. He graduated from the School of Medicine, State University of New York at Buffalo in 1979.

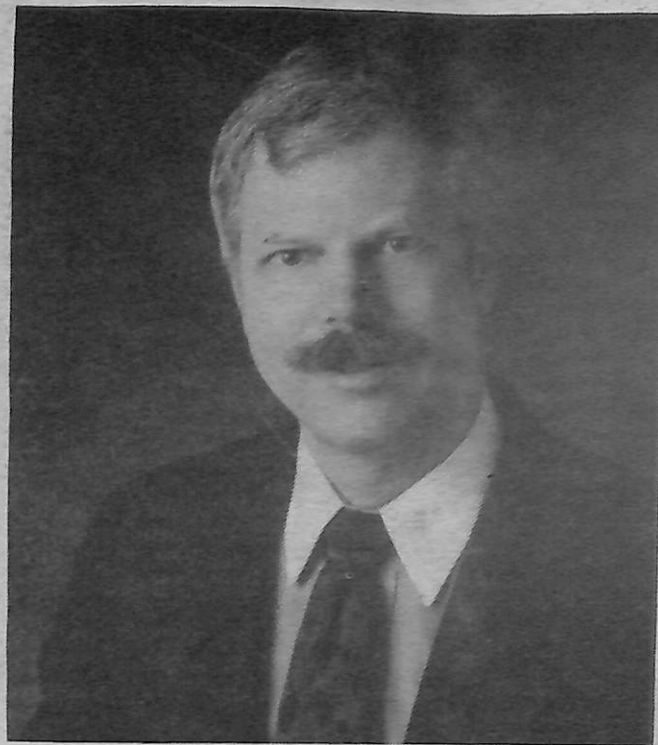
His post-graduate training included a research fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, a pediatrics internship at Tufts-New England Medical Center, a pathology internship at Boston City Hospital, and a dermatology residency at University Hospital, Boston.

His office provides translation services in French. Dr. Solomon speaks and reads French and, to a lesser extent, German and Hebrew. He can read science-oriented reports in Spanish and Italian as well. Beyond that, he has the uncanny ability to look at a person's skin and know some of their habits, such as whether they smoke tobacco.

"Healthy skin should glow and have a silky feel to it," he advises. "Caucasian skin should have a

peachy glow, and persons of African descent should have an ebony glow."

Contact dermatitis is an area of medicine deserving of more widespread understanding. The requirements for study of the topic have been minimal in medical schools, so the tremendous potential



DR. JAMES A. SOLOMON

of the discipline has gone almost virtually untapped. Dr. Solomon can offer significant improvements to most skin and health care situations.

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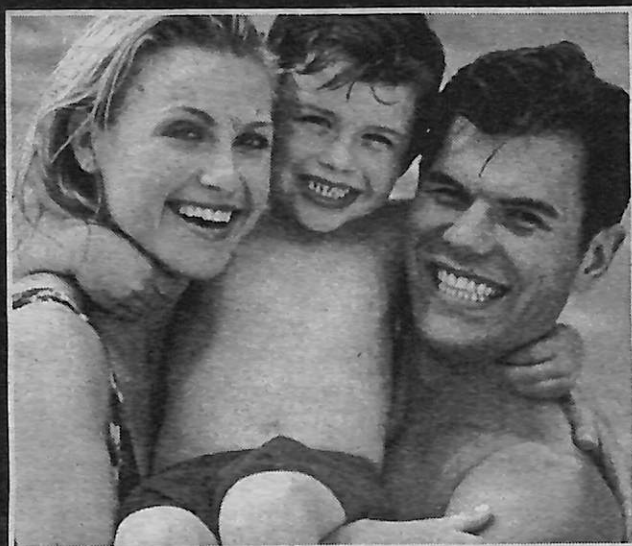
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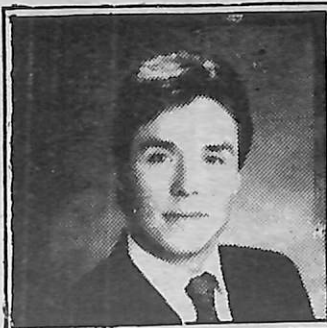
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Answer: The current Medicare program allows doctors of chiropractic to perform "manual manipulation of the spine," but requires a diagnostic spinal x-ray, which is not covered when performed by a chiropractor.

Absurd, ridiculous, wrong. These are the first three words that came to my mind when it comes to the inappropriate treatment of our seniors by the Medicare insurance program. Chiropractic's two national associations (The International Chiropractic Association & The American Chiropractic Association) are promoting a grassroots legislative effort to pass a chiropractic amendment to the Medicare bill that has been in existence for over two decades.

The bill's amendment, H.R. 997, has been introduced by Philip Crane (R-IL) to reward title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover chiropractic examinations, manipulations, and x-rays. H.R. 997 has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Crane serves as that committee's ranking Republican member.

The current Medicare program is spending over \$100 million each year on chiropractic services, representing less than one percent of total Medicare spending. Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX), a member of the Health Subcommittee who recently toured Parker College of Chiropractic, dubbed current Medicare reimbursement for chiropractic services as anti-competitive, and that he would encourage support for the reform bill.

Both national associations emphasize the need for chiropractors and their patients to call and write their representative to urge them to become co-sponsors of the bill. The associations have both prepared strategies for action. For more information, call the ACA at (703) 276-8800, ext. 224, or the ICA at 1-800-243-4690.

**Food for Thought**

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Tips For Feeding Your Preschooler

One of the biggest challenges for parents is dealing with the finicky eating habits of two to four year-olds. Parents worry, push, beg, and plead children to eat, but a recent study may ease some minds.

The study asked mothers about their child's eating habits, including the quantity and kind of foods consumed. Mothers were also asked to rate their child's eating from "good eater" to "extremely good eater."

The results found that kids consumed a variety of foods and met nutrition needs, even though 49 percent of the mothers felt their child was a "picky eater." So, if you're struggling with a preschooler - relax. Keep offering a variety of foods, encourage your child to try new foods, but don't worry if he or she refuses to eat every meal. Kids will eat when hungry and will get the nutrition they need, when a variety of foods are offered. How much? How often?

You can lead a young child to the table. But, you can't make that child eat - nor should you!

How much do toddlers and preschoolers typically eat? Although they're no longer babies,

young children aren't ready for adult-sized portions. Adult servings can overwhelm small appetites and children's stomachs aren't big enough to handle such large portions. Serve toddlers or preschoolers servings that are one-fourth to one-third the size of adult portions. As a guide to portion size, some experts advise one tablespoon of every food served of every year of age.

Offer children less than you think they'll eat. Then, let them ask for more.

Listen to children's hunger cues. Respect your child when he or she says "enough." Children only need to eat enough to satisfy their hunger. When they start to play with food, become restless, or send signals of "no more," remove the food. Or let children leave the table.

Avoid forcing membership in the "clean-plate" club. This practice may encourage overeating or a food aversion, habits that could cause weight or nutritional problems later.

Try to keep an eating schedule. Children seem to do best with a routine, when meals and snacks are served at about the same time each day.

What To Do About A Preschooler Who Seems Overweight?

First, discuss your concerns with your child's doctor or an RD before taking any action. Restricting calories can be harmful for young children. Low-calorie diets often don't supply the energy and essential nutrients they need to grow, develop, and learn properly. In most cases, healthful eating habits, combined with plenty of active play, allow most overweight kids to grow into their weight without the need for a special diet.

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Are You Healthy?

Recently, I was in New York City. It is just amazing the amount of people that are there. Out of the hundreds and thousands of people I saw, I wondered how many were healthy.

How many of these people suffer low back pain, neck pain, or headaches? Unless a person has a visible disability, it's hard to know what they're feeling. Somebody may be suffering with a significant amount of pain, but it does not show. Or does it?

Perhaps that's why they are walking a little slower, or having difficulty keeping up with New York's fast pace. And perhaps for that reason we should show a little more tolerance to others because we don't really know what's going on with each other. And of the people who do not have pain, does that mean that they're healthy?

Oftentimes, we think that freedom from pain equates with healthiness. Unfortunately, that is an erroneous judgment, because you can be very healthy and suffer with a great deal of pain. For example, a toothache or splinter can cause pain, but you can still be healthy. Likewise, some diseases can be quite debilitating yet cause no pain.

Taber Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary defines health as "a condition in which all functions of the body and mind are normally active." The World Health Organization defines health as "a state of complete physical, mental, or social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." The chiropractic profession is very aware of this fact and assesses the whole person - we don't treat just a back or neck. As a chiropractor, I look at the big picture and want to make sure that the whole body is functioning at 100 percent.

The spine or vertebral column encloses the spinal cord, where the spinal nerves exit and go to all aspects of the body: muscles, skin, ligaments, organs, etc. If the nerves are not functioning properly, then the message to the brain gets scrambled and the brain, via the nerves, sends back information of pain, numbness, tingling, burning sensation, or lack of function. This dysfunction happens at the spine as a result of the spinal column not functioning properly. The vertebrae may be "restricted" or "subluxated" or "stuck," not moving properly, which affects function of the spine and function of proper nerve supply.

Many of us are restricted without even realizing it. Think about it. Are you living at 100 percent capacity, or perhaps 70-80 percent or less? What about all those people in New York City? How many are daily taking drugs to be pain free instead of choosing to be healthy? If you're not at 100 percent, make a smart choice today to get your spine checked.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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Fitness Tips...
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Exertional Headaches

There are a couple of categories of headaches. They include tension and migraine headaches. I'd like to talk for a minute about a headache syndrome unique to sports, called the "exertional headache."

This benign (not dangerous) headache has been recognized for about 60 years. This headache presents with straining kinds of activity like weightlifting and wrestling. It is a severe, throbbing pain usually at the back of the head lasting a few seconds to a few minutes, then it settles to a dull ache lasting four to six hours.

This person usually has no migraine history, a

normal neurological exam and the headache will recur with exertion.

This diagnosis is not one you should make on your own. You should never mess around with head pain. See a physician whenever you have a question in this area. Things to really look out for are any other associated symptoms, a headache on one side, stiff neck, fever, vomiting, or any change in behavior. Again, this is a diagnosis a physician makes after ruling out many other potentially serious problems. Please don't diagnose yourself.

An exertional headache does tend to recur. This can really put a damper on your workout. Your doctor may be able to suggest helpful ideas. I would recommend lightening up the workout. Don't lift the heavy weights and perhaps change your focus to longer duration, less intense kinds of activities.

An exertional headache does have a sudden onset, it can last hours and it is throbbing. These symptoms are exactly the same as other life-threatening problems.

SEE YOUR DOCTOR! These headaches are usually not aggravated by movement and your entire physical would be normal otherwise. Until diagnosis, take these symptoms seriously. After diagnosis, feel reassured and progress to a different workout.

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To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

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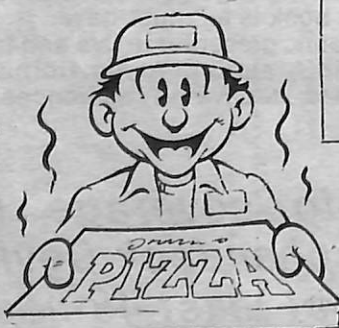
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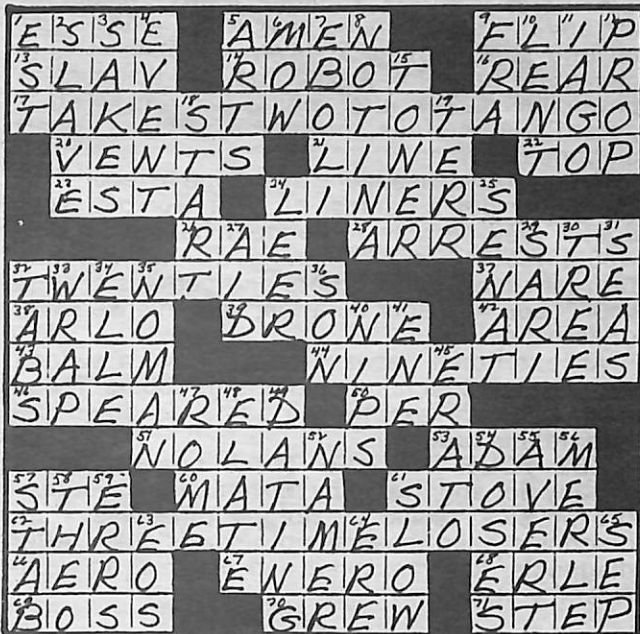
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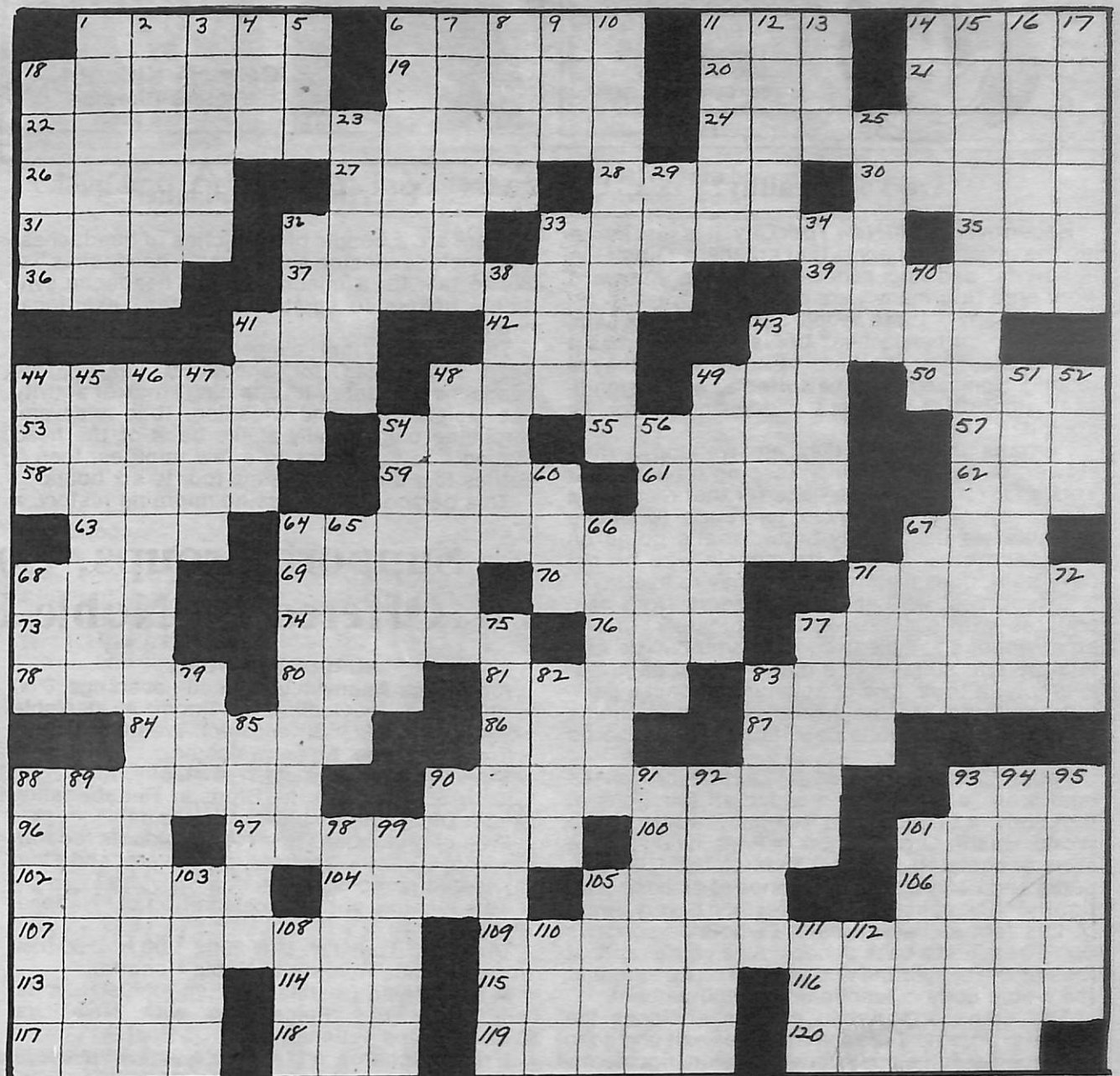


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 - 91 On land
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



The Hilltop Players Offer A "Warning" About Their Latest Comedic Production

Would you pay good money to see a rural, southern group of misfits under the guise of "The Society For Cultural Recognition" put on a production of "Romeo & Juliet"?

Why would anyone want to hear the Bard's famous work tainted by additional dialogue written by the local cosmetologist at the Bee-Luv-Lee Beauty Salon? Or subject themselves to a production whose director has cast a 50-year-old Juliet and a gas station attendant named Bubba as Romeo?

Who would sit through a play with the ominous title, "An Evening of Culture - Faith County II (The Saga Continues)" and watch the set still being constructed during intermission and listen to the gym score sign buzz as incessantly as the barking dog, which the town trollop and play ingenue has chained up in the theatre foyer?

Who would applaud a cast who, even if they know what the lines are, don't know when to say them, where, or how?

Is this the kind of play you really want to go and see? Alright. It's your money - \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and seniors. It's your stomach that will be doubled over, your sides that will ache, your mouth that will hurt trying to keep a straight face when you come to The Red Door Theatre, voted runner-up as the "Best Place to See Live Theatre" by *The Springfield Advocate* Reader's Poll.

Don't say we recommend that you dial (413) 789-2026 to make reservations for May 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd at 7:30 p.m. and May 16th at 2:00 p.m. to see this Hilltop Players Family Theatre production directed by Lyle Pearsons.

We can't be held responsible if you leave and tell your family and friends about this outrageous show you saw that had the audience falling down in the aisles almost as often as the set did on stage.

Don't say we didn't warn you.

Local Author Judes Ziemba To Appear At Barnes & Noble Bookstore In Holyoke

Judes Ziemba of Agawam, an experienced speaker and author of "No More Secrets," will be at Barnes & Noble, 7 Holyoke Street, Holyoke, this coming Sunday, May 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

"No More Secrets" is a powerful story that touches the heart of everyone who reads it. If you want a story that can change your attitude about life and hope, this book is a "must have."

Ziemba is a dynamic presenter in live and taped formats, including audience participation segments. She has captivated audiences na-

tionally and is currently booked for a variety of other interviews and appearances.

Recognized for her talent to inspire the emotional involvement and commitment from people to whom she presents, Ziemba has a unique talent for reaching into the deepest secret corners of the heart and offering words of encouragement, support, hope, and compassion.

For further information, call Barnes & Noble at 532-3200.

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Education

Agawam Junior High Students Co-Create With Renowned Artist

by Kathy Shepard
AAN Feature Writer

Teachers Debora Florek and Andrew Kraus recently combined their art classes at the Agawam Junior High School for three days to make the most of the opportunity for art students to see Donald Blanton demonstrate his enthusiasm for and talent in several artistic outlets.

Blanton appeared to have more than enough material to cover the three days (due to his infinite love of art and his multifaceted imagination). And he has an ability to think of new and different applications for materials and methods in art.

The freelance artist and sculptor is a native of Richmond, Indiana. After his tour of duty in Vietnam, Blanton settled in Springfield, Massachusetts. From 1974 through 1976, he studied at the Merrick School of Art and Drama, Los Angeles, and returned to Springfield to open his current Distinctive Art Studio at 110 South Tallyho Drive.

Variety Of Medium

Blanton's creativity is expressed through a variety of medium, including painting, sculpting, and designing Wearable Art. Made from wood, stone, and other natural products, Wearable Art uses a variety of medium to decorate, such as wire sculpture, featherstone, and precious gems.

Blanton teaches and lectures at area schools, colleges, and universities. At Harvard University in Cambridge, he presented "Visual Arts," while his murals have been exhibited as far away as Los Angeles. One of his most recent sculptures is now being shown in Russia.

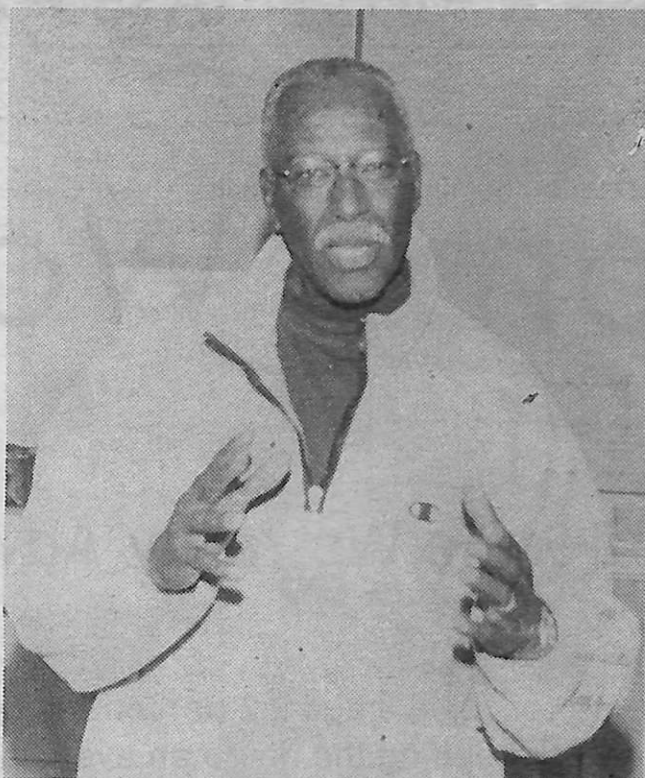
Two of his works were recently featured in the June and August issues (1998) of *Art World News Magazine*, with an editorial announcing his "Works In Stone." His Featherstone Collection features a technique which gives the appearance of stained glass or marble (when coated onto a natural product such as stone or coconut shell). Products such as alabaster or plasticite might be used for jewelry.

Blanton explains that he has a method of casting using plasticite and making a mold to repair a statue, for instance. He also can carve in cedar or out of a variety of stones. He teaches a program called ArtEsteem, intended to help students or patients raise their level of self-esteem through art. He brings this all over, to after-school programs and senior centers. And he volunteers at Shriners Hospital.

According to his assistant, Pam Pudlo, "Don never stops. And he is always totally enthusiastic about his work. He coordinates programs for public and private schools, health care environments, enrichment programs, and is on the faculty of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield."

Mrs. Florek saw the artist at an Agawam Junior Women's Club show at which her students were displaying their works. She wrote a proposal for funding to bring him to the art class here. During the three days of his visit, he worked with at least 350 students, with seventh and eighth grades combined in the room to learn from him. The students worked with oil sticks, each adding something to the painting they made with Blanton. Watercolors were also added.

Blanton had two or three projects going at the same time. He might do a painting and write a poem to go with it, and he is noted for his sculptures "Roar of Silence," made of silicon carv-



ARTIST DONALD BLANTON

ed under water, which has a companion poem; and "The Last Hug," which also has a companion poem. There is a poignant story that goes with "The Last Hug," which Don will relate for interested persons.

Dedication To Art & Creativity

His dedication to art and creativity are more evident when he works with students, sharing his enthusiasm and seemingly endless sources of ideas for inventive and creative outlets. His love of the arts comes across. There appeared to be no bored students in this presentation, and the sense of wonder and enthusiasm was almost palpable.

According to Mrs. Florek, "The schools are very fortunate to have this most versatile sculptor to teach. And the wearable artwork, such as the necklaces and earrings, are not only lovely, each piece he makes is unique."

Sponsored by the PTO of the Junior High through funds for visiting artists, Blanton started work on a canvas during his three-day visit to the school, asking each student to add to the painting during their time together.

By the end of the second day, the painting was lovely enough to bring a catch to the throat and tears to the eyes of someone catching their first sight of it. Soft, gentle pastels swirled in the depiction of a tree, but there was mood and appreciation and something delicately hopeful in the work.

Appropriately, the artist will be returning to the school to donate this canvas to the Junior High. It will occupy a special, as yet undetermined place in these halls, serving as an artifact of hope. Through creativity and motivation, each student can enter adulthood with a positive outlook and hope for their own future. The picture embodies that sense and Blanton gladly reaches out to share these feelings of wonder.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 17th: Personal round pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, May 18th: Hamburg and gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread and butter, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, May 19th: Deli-sliced turkey in roll with lettuce, oven French fries with catsup, seasoned diced carrots, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday, May 20th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, Italian bread and butter, seasoned green beans, peaches in syrup or strawberry Jello with topping, milk.

Friday, May 21st: Cup of orange juice, half tuna salad sandwich, half Fluffernutter sandwich, oven potato rounds with catsup, ice cream, milk.

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Information Regarding Agawam's 1999 Summer School Program

Alan R. Cohen, summer school director, has released the following information regarding the Agawam Public Schools' "Summer School" program for 1999. All summer school classes will be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Four weeks, 40 hours.
TIME AND DAYS: Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION: \$90 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION: Will begin Monday, June 21, 1999, through the first day of summer school.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to "Agawam High School." (Payment is due with registration form.)

CANCELLATION: The summer school director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also

change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. *No refund after first class has met* or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two tardies are equal to one absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

For a registration form and/or further information (including the classes being offered during the summer school program), contact Mr. Cohen at the Agawam High School Guidance Office, 821-0519.

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The Program ran for the second time beginning in September 1997 and ending in January 1999. Local shoppers teamed up with Big Y to show their support for area schools. In all, \$13,395.83 worth of product was earned for Agawam schools, and \$3,368 worth of product was earned for Feeding Hills schools.

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"Big Y believes in education, and that a community must enthusiastically support its schools," said Donald D'Amour, CEO. "Education Express is one important way we can help make the schools in the neighborhoods we serve, some of the best in the country. We're proud of this program and of the way our customers supported it."

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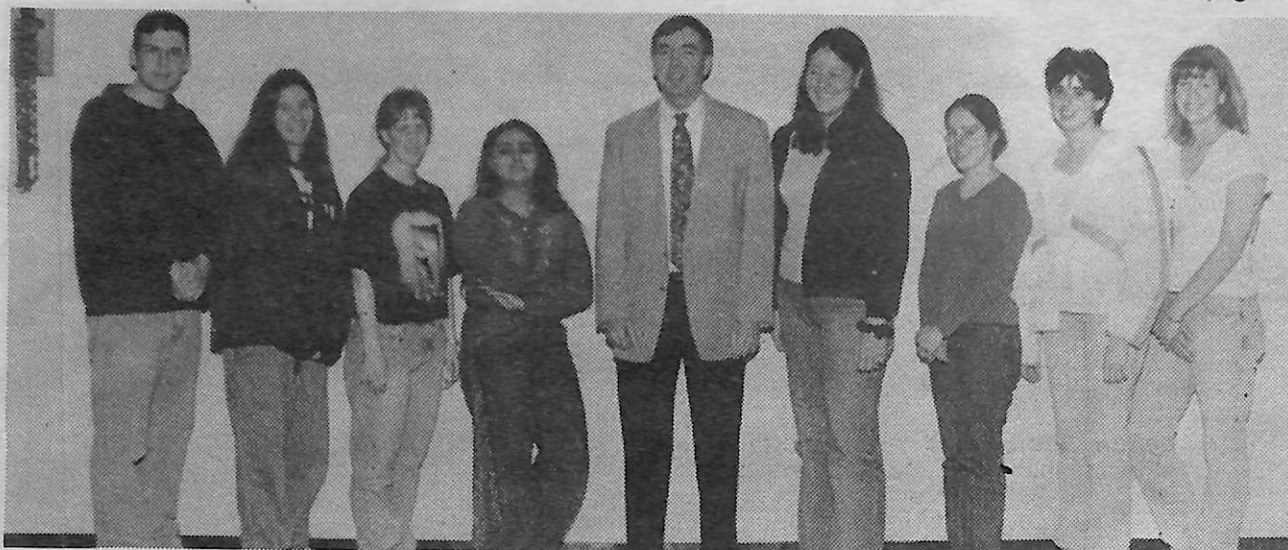
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AHS PEER LEADERS who helped with the Three-Point And Free Throw shooting contest at the Junior High: Peter Drewniak, Alyssa Gagnon, Rebecca Rising, Angie Beharry, Gerald O'Malley (advisor of the Non-Users Club), Carolyn Gomes, Carrie Fede, Martha Manning, and Sara Stevenson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TERRI LUVERA (far left) of the Agawam Junior Women's Club with the trophy-winning members of the Non-Users Club: Kristen Strole, Jenn Sharpe, Vicky Taylor, Aimee Beaudette, Mario Maloni, Sean Burke, Mike "Dr." DeFilippi, Mike Doulakis, and James Ryan (Non-Users Club advisor). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Women's Club Sponsors 7th Annual Non-Users Basketball Contest At Jr. High

The seventh annual Junior Women's Club-sponsored Agawam Junior High School Non-Users Club Three-Point and Free Throw shooting contest was held on Thursday, April 29th in the Junior High gym.

Peer Leaders from the High School who helped run the event were Martha Manning, Carrie Fede, Carolyn Gomes, Rebecca Rising, Peter Drewniak, Angela Beharry, Alyssa Gagnon, and Sara Stevenson.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club provided

trophies and prizes for this contest. On hand to represent the Junior Women's Club was Terri Luvera.

Trophy-winning Non-Users Club members were Jenn Sharpe (girls' free throw champion); Kristen Strole (runner-up); Vicky Taylor (girls' three-point champion); Aimee Beaudette (runner-up); Mario Maloni (boys' free throw champion); Mike DeFilippi (runner-up); Mike Doulaski (boys' three-point champion); Sean Burke (runner-up).

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Middle Schoolers In "Keep That Body Moving" Program

Attained Perfect Attendance...

The following Agawam Middle School students have attained perfect attendance in the recently held "Keep That Body Moving" Program:

GROUP I: Angelina Barabisi, Lisa Bobskill, Carlee Bouthiller, Sarah Clark, Brittany Devoe, Alexis Dumas, Michael Gaynor, Tiara Ghedi, Aaron Hibbert, Emily Lathrop, Michelle Macey, Stephanie Midura, Scott Phelps, Amanda Regnier, Noelle Seratino, Kate Shtefan, Marque Tortorello, Devin Williams, Stephen Wojcik.

GROUP II: Christina Borgatti, Christina Davis, Rachel Dutilly, Courtney Garrett, Kyle Gendron, Katie Gorman, Emily Greaney, Alecia Holl, John Lennon, Kayla Martin, Kiara O'Brien, Joseph Reut, Shawn Santos, Alexandra Watt, Joseph Greaney, Matthew Zordanie, Michelle Epaul, Svetlana Suzhakov, Tammy Gorman.

Savings Bond Recipient



AT AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH, Daniel Han-son was recently chosen as the March "Student of the Month" and received a \$50 savings bond. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PICTURED ABOVE AND BELOW are the Agawam Middle School students who attained perfect attendance during the recent "Keep That Body Moving" program. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you!

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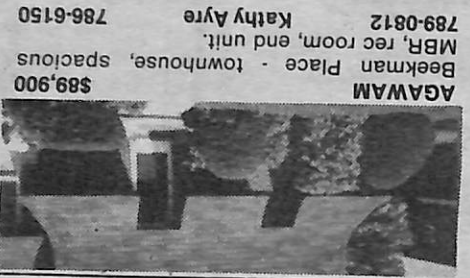
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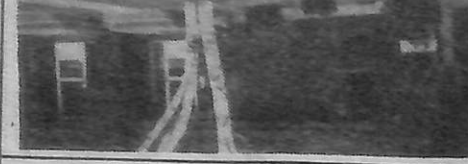
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From AHS Guidance Department...

The Problem With "Labeling" Your Kids

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

We live our lives by labels. Think about it. When we go into a market, we search the shelves for the labels we want. When we go into a department store, we look diligently for the clothes that have the label in them that fit us best.

Our children will wear only a certain pair of jeans because it sports the right label. In addition to things having labels, often people have them, too.

Many times children are labeled by classmates, teachers, or other family members. A mother nicknamed her child "Spunky," which she felt really bespoke her personality. Another parent, going through a difficult time in her life, named her child "Hope."

A group of students called a kid "Mouse" because he was quick and small. Of course, "Mouse" had the last laugh. He grew to be six feet tall!

While labels can be helpful, they also can do harm, mainly because they may be inaccurate. Perhaps a child appears to be lazy since he takes so much time to complete his work. In reality, he has dyslexia that necessitates his working at a slower pace.

Yet, teachers who may be unaware of this, begin to come down hard on the child. The child defines himself, in part, by how others perceive him. Since he is not being perceived in a positive manner, he begins to have a lower self-esteem.

Labeling may leave you, the parent, less able to see other components of your child's personality. You've begged him a certain way, so you don't notice other aspects of his behavior that may counter your preconceived notions.

You expect to see him in a certain light, so that's what happens. You think of Joan as lazy, and are so focused on this that you don't see her positive, artistic side.

A parent should avoid typecasting. Just because John is good with his hands, don't just suggest to him that he should go into a field that is hands-on. This will hinder him from exploring different avenues.

Avoid pigeonholing a child into being the doctor and his brother into being the artist. This stops each from even trying to step into the other's creative territory. Actually, if he could tread there, he might find incredible success.

Separating the two siblings via your preconceived notions may even distance one sibling from the other, rather than allowing each to realize he has shared interests. Moreover, separating two siblings via your expectations will often lead to sibling rivalry. He may think you value him less than you do his brother.

Labeling follows a child into adulthood. Perhaps you remember how you disliked giving speeches and your friends labeled you as shy. Well, now you're an adult and you've become active in the PTO.

A meeting is being held and you're asked to give a speech. The time arrives, you go up to the podium, look out at the audience, and hope that they can't hear your heart that is rapidly beating in your chest. Memories are evoked, and the labeling from your youth has come back to haunt you.

There is a way to avoid using the label gun. Next time you are in a conversation with someone, pay attention to the descriptive words he uses and you use for your child. His perceptions may surprise you.

What you think describes your child is not the perception another has of her. Maybe at home she reacts in a certain fashion to validate what you think of her; in other words, she puts on an "act" because she knows that you are expecting her to act in a certain fashion. You are seeing her the way she thinks you envision her; you are not necessarily getting a true image of your child.

Have a talk with your child. Discuss how he perceives himself. What does he like? What does he dislike? What would he like to do in the future? In other words, take time to prob the surface. I bet you'll be surprised at what wonderful things you'll find.

Do envision your children as multidimensional. Realize that they are all like salads, with many in-

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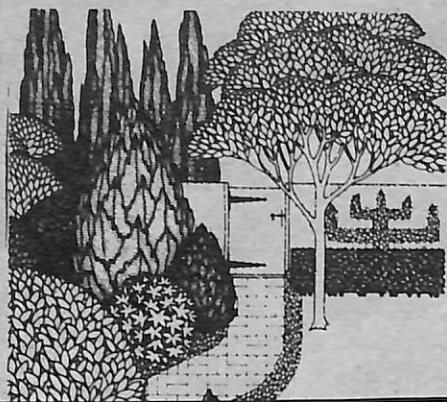
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gredients that make up the completed whole. Each ingredient is important to make the salad complete.

By just looking at the "lettuce," you do not see the beautiful "tomatoes and carrots" that help

give the salad substance.

Stay open to the person who is uniquely your child. By avoiding limiting your child with unnecessary labels, you will allow your child to be better able to explore his potential.



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Sports

Agawam Baseball vs. Comp...

Brownies Clobber Colts, 7-2, On The Road

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their 11-run outburst to come from behind and beat Amherst Regional last week, the Agawam High baseball team seems to be on a roll. They kept rolling this past Monday afternoon with a 7-2 road win (four straight) over Chicopee Comp, upping their record to 8-5 in the Brownies' Valley League opener.

"I think we are beginning to become confident and aggressive at the plate when we're hitting with two outs," Coach Pete Clark observed. They were also aggressive on the hill as junior ace Brian St. Jean won his fourth of the year against two losses. St. Jean had his 90 mile-an-hour fast ball hopping. He mixed it up with some off-speed stuff and the Colts found themselves off-balance in the box. He dusted seven, walked three, and gave up four hits and two earned runs.

While St. Jean was spinning his magic on the mound, his teammates were loading up at the plate. Sophomore third baseman Tony LeClair had a triple and a two-run homer (his second), along with a double and three RBIs. St. Jean also contributed with a run-scoring double.



"WE'RE READY FOR ANYBODY!!!": Tony LeClair (left), Kevin Mattson (center), and Brian St. Jean (right) of Agawam High School's 1999 baseball team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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AHS Handles Blue Devils With Ease, 13-4

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

After their frustrating 14-10 loss to Westfield last week, the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team needed some redirection. They got it when Coach Cindy Grieve gave them a good talking to. "Yeah, we discussed our performance and got some things straightened out," she said.

It worked because they traveled to Northampton this past Tuesday afternoon and handily beat the Blue Devils, 13-4. "We got back to our kind of game; good offense complemented by some good defense," the coach told us.

Eleven Brownies contributed to Agawam's 13 goals, either via a goal or an assist. Once again, junior Amanda Sternowski led the way with four goals. "Amanda came up from the junior varsity last year and immediately showed her scoring ability," Grieve said.

The team is now 8-4 and looks to be going to the Western Mass. tournament and then, if things go their way, to the states. "We need to end up with at least a .500 record in order to make the playoffs," Grieve said. They have three home games next week against improving South Hadley, East Longmeadow, and the always-tough Lancers of Longmeadow. They'll finish up on the road against East Longmeadow and archrival West Springfield.

Girls' Track vs. Longmeadow...

Coach Vec Singles Out High Points In 87-49 Loss

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' track team traveled to Longmeadow Tuesday afternoon and came home with an 87-49 loss. Girls' Coach Dean Vecchiarelli wanted to point out some of his top performers. "One of our best performances came from Amy Jenson in the mile. She's just a sophomore and that event is not her specialty. But, she came on down the stretch and passed two runners to grab second in a time of 6:05. She also plays soccer and is a brilliant student with an average of A-plus."

Kerry McGeoghan is a story in herself, according to the coach. The junior took the high jump (5-2). "No one has beaten her this year. Remember, she almost had her athletic career terminated last fall when she suffered a terrible broken leg in soccer. She rehabed and is now back and hasn't even come close to her potential yet," Vec smiled.

Junior Marie Buendo is loaded with talent, according to the coach. Tuesday she finished second in the long jump with a personal best distance of 15-10¾. "That qualifies her for Western Mass.," Vecchiarelli said. She also won the 100 in a time of 13.1.

Another coach's mention goes to Lindsay Hadden, a senior co-captain. She won the discus with a heave of 100'-11". She has thrown even better (104') and is a Western Mass. qualifier. And he also singled out high hurdler Christine Campbell, who was third in Western Mass. last year in that event and finished second (17.3) against Longmeadow.



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM HIGH'S 1999 varsity girls' lacrosse team: back row - Kara Barnes, Shawna Suffriti, Pam Gervais, Sheri Benton, Laura Reveruzzi, Lauren Kida, Katie Shannon, Annie Paquette, and Coach Cindy Grieve; middle row - Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, Stephanie Ceccarini, Amanda Sternowski, and Valerie Cross; front row - Heather Hughes, Christina Gregory, Nikita Reshamwala, and Brenna McGinn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Boys' Track...

Outnumbered Brownies Bow To Strong Longmeadow Team, 80-65

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track team hosted Longmeadow High Tuesday afternoon and ended up losing to the Lancers, 80-65. Longmeadow is tough and once again, Agawam was outnumbered. "We were looking for an upset. But, it wasn't our day," boys' track Coach Bill Dillon said.

As usual, a handful of Brownies showed well. Senior Pete Bitzas won the long (19-10½) and triple (41-11) jumps, something he does with regularity. Another senior, who Dillon calls "very reliable," Jay Flood was second in the long jump (19-6¾) and also took second in the triple (39-8). Both are Western Mass. qualifiers. One especially impressive performance came from freshman Brian Michel. He took second in the high jump at 5-10. "Brian is coming on fast. He has added four inches to his high jump this season alone," Dillon said.

Another steady performer who will be going to the Western Mass. Meet is Marc Pedraza. The senior was second in the shot put (39-10) and also second in the discus (129-4½). Pedraza has shown better in both events, but he got some badly needed points in this meet.

A throw of 136-feet won top spot in the javelin for senior Justin Mercieri. Another Agawam senior, Bobby Fuller, came in third (125-8). "Bobby is a tough competitor and has a great sense of humor. He keeps us all loose and laughing,"

Dillon smiled.

Justin Kratovil took a second in the high hurdles with a time of 18.1. Another Brownie senior, Josh Sprague, was third in 19.1.

The mile saw a good outing for freshman Jamie Delpeschio, who took second in 4:54.9. Soccer star Barry Ward, a junior, was second in the 100 meters at 12.1. "Barry is a competitor no matter what the sport," Dillon noted.

Other track events had sophomore Chris Tedone winning the 400 meters in 55.9. His teammate, sophomore Tim Chretien, was third at 58.6. Senior Jason Gagne was second in the 300 meter hurdles (45.6). He did it by outleaning his Lancer opponent at the finish line.

Flood grabbed third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:14.7. "That was a good showing for Jay," the coach said.

Ward won the 200 meters in 24.2. Junior Brian Lopes was a close second (24.3). Both of them qualified for Western Mass. with their performances.

Tom Shibley, a senior, had a time of 11:24 in the two-mile, which was good enough for a third place finish.

Perhaps the best showing of the day was in the 4x400. The Agawam team of Lopes, Chretien, Rich Rodriguez, and Tedone came in first (3:54.5). The boys' record is now 3-5.

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Profile...

Keeping "Track" Of Joe DeCaro

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track and field team has had to scramble for its points this year. One member of the team who will help put up some decent scores is Joe DeCaro. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days as a Brownie.

Joe is 18 years-old. His birthday was February 17th. He stands 5'10" and weighs 180 pounds. He has spend four years at AHS. Currently, he's taking algebra II, English 12, entrepreneurship, and pottery. About the pottery class, he has this to say: "I make some good stuff and bring it home. My mom uses it around the house."

Joe has made the honor roll on many occasions and is a member of the Renaissance Club. His favorite course while attending Agawam High has been biology. Pat Bertone-Gross is his top teacher.

Joe will attend AIC in the fall to pursue a degree in business management.

Joe's sport is track and field. He's been doing it for three years as a Brownie. He specializes in the shot put and discus. So far this year, he has a first in the shot (35'11") in the Holyoke meet and a third in the discus (119'2") against powerful Minnechaug. "Those numbers are important. They mean I now have enough points to get my letter," he noted.

Joe is always looking to get better in both events. He wants to hit 40 feet very soon in the shot. "If I can get there, then I know I can reach 42 feet, which will qualify me for the Western Mass. Tournament," the senior said.

As for the discus, his sights aren't quite so high. "I'm just starting to learn how to throw it the right way. I'll get better," he said.



JOE DECARO

Regarding This Year's Team...

This is his take on this year's team: "We don't have as many kids as we'd like. We'll try hard, but probably have only an average season."

Joe's favorite color is blue.

Chinese, especially the chicken dishes, tops the food list.

A Ford Mustang, maybe a 1998 model, is the car of his choice. He says he has his eye on one.

Joe likes to kick back at the beach. In his case, it's Horseneck Beach, south of Boston and about 50 miles north of the Cape Cod canal. "My family has a cottage there. It's very relaxing," Joe said.

He likes his clothes casual and buys them at the Holyoke Mall, from American Eagle.

Joe likes all kinds of music, even country.

He really has no top TV show or flick. "I don't really watch much television or go to the movies," he admitted.

His mom's name is Maria, and his dad's is Joe. He has two brothers: John, who is 17 and attends Agawam High, where he plays soccer, lacrosse, and also wrestles; and Mike, a 15 year-old freshman who is a soccer and lacrosse player.

Joe looks up to his parents for advice and support and says when his days at AHS are over, he'd like to be remembered as the nicest person there and a guy who got along with everyone.

"Since we don't have as many kids as we'd like and need help in the field events, it's nice to have Joe on the team. He has the ability and is showing it. He should improve in both the shot and discus as the year progresses," varsity Coach Bill Dillon said of the senior.

Barbara Maloni Wins Prestigious Goodnow Award

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High's Barbara Maloni is the co-winner of the 1999 Vi Goodnow Award, which symbolizes excellence in basketball among Western Mass. girls. Barbara shared the award with South Hadley's Jes Hambley.

Maloni is well-deserving of the honor. She scored 1,685 points during her four-year career as a Brownie starter, to become the top scorer among all Agawam basketball players and 11th highest in Western Massachusetts history. She also led her team to four straight division titles and was an All-Western Mass. selection from her sophomore to senior seasons.

She averaged a Division I-leading 26.5 points a game this year while leading the Brownies to a 20-2 record. The 5'7" guard averaged 21.9 over four years. Her career high was 48 points this last campaign against Monument Mountain.

After being courted by schools such as Cornell, Princeton, Columbia, and Penn, Barbara, a many-time member of the Agawam High Honor Roll, will be headed to Brown University in the fall. While

she isn't quite sure of her major once she hits the books, in her own confident manner, she is pretty sure of one thing when she hits the hardwood: "I think I can play basketball right away down there."

Barbara's total confidence in herself, plus the physical ability (speed, quickness, anticipation) to back it up, were the reasons for her success on the Agawam hardwood (and the reasons Brown went after her).

Her signature move was the one she used from her two guard spot to take the rock down the lane to the hoop. Whether it ended up being a bunny or a trip through the trees, she usually came out of the forest with a deuce and maybe a trip to the line as well.

She was born to the transition game, flowing with it like white water in raging rapids. And it showed in the fact that even though she liked to go low, it was not out of character for her to pull up and take the open 'J' (which is how she scored

her 1,000th point last year in a win at Kibbe Gym over West Springfield).

Perhaps it is fitting that while other kids might like mainstream movies, Barbara's favorite flick is "Pistol Pete." It's the story of the late, legendary "Pistol" Pete Maravich of college and professional basketball fame and a Hall of Famer. "I think anyone who wants to excel in basketball should watch that movie. I do, over and over again. It is tremendously motivational," she smiled.

The Goodnow Award, named for Vi Goodnow, who completed her 40th year of coaching at Frontier Regional in South Deerfield this year, is no stranger to Agawam High girls' basketball. Maloni's unique talents go along with other Brownies who have also been recognized, including Cyndi Stone in 1994 and Lauri DeSimone in 1989.



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Fourth Year In A Row...

AHS Softball Team Competes In Cape Cod Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team returned from the Nauset Tournament Sunday evening. It was played over the Mother's Day weekend on Cape Cod. The defending Western Mass. champs have been regulars there for the past four years. They had never lost a game. This time around, Williamsburg, MA beat them 6-1 on Saturday, and Amesbury, also from the Bay State, came out a 3-0 winner on Sunday.

"They were both top clubs, with pitching, hitting, and speed. Amesbury, which came in at 12-0, was by far the best team we've met so far," Coach Deb Lickley noted.

Agawam's two aces, Ali Jackobek (Saturday) and Lindsay Mason (Sunday), deserved better, according to the coach. "Both of them pitched excellent softball. But, we got no breaks and the hitters weren't hitting. It's obvious, no one wins much when you don't score runs."

Then Lickley added, "Against Amesbury, we got runners on base, but they weren't consistent or quality scoring opportunities. Also, I could see our girls were pressing at the plate. That has never been their style of play. But, it does happen, even to the best teams."

Lickley also noted that both pitchers, as well as the team's offense, had learned something - pitching usually dominates in softball. "Ali and Lindsay will be okay. Our hitters will, too. They'll come up with timely hitting once again," she said.

Tough competition was not the only order of the day. They took time out to sightsee, heading up to Provincetown and heading out to some good restaurants. One highlight of the two days was the thoughtfulness of the kids, Lickley noted. "They bought me a Mother's Day gift and made me a Mother's Day card. That was very special to me," Lickley smiled. (The coach's mother passed away three years ago.)

The team got home at 9:00 p.m. last Sunday evening. The next day, on a three-game losing streak (they'd lost 1-0 to Westfield before the trip), they had to meet tough Cathedral on the road and



JILL GENDRON of the 1999 AHS softball team. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

won, 1-0, behind a performance by Jackobek (5-2) that the coach called "all guts. We had great defense behind her and she stepped up. I can't remember the last time we had three straight losses. Ali made sure it wasn't going to four."

When she looked back on what had transpired over the past six days, and especially the weekend, Lickley had this to say. "We lost together. We were both happy and sad together. We enjoyed each other as a group of individuals as well as a team, and the parents and boosters were there with us. You have to see the kids for what they are - always learning. I'd say we won much more than we lost," said Lickley.

Boys' Tennis...

Brownies Lose A Close One To Chicopee Comp

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

While the Agawam High boys' tennis team still has not won a match this year (0-10), they are knocking on the door. Monday, they got a taste, losing a close one to Chicopee Comp at the AHS courts. First singles saw senior Carlos Fuertes take a convincing 6-1, 6-1 win over very tough senior veteran Matt Carney. "Carlos played brilliantly. It was by far his best match of the season," Coach Bill Spear noted.

Ryan Lepard lost a tough one, 3-6, 2-6 in his second singles battle. Lepard is just a sophomore. "He is improving with every match. If he stays with our program, I see some good things for him," Spear offered.

Adam Rovithis is even younger, only a freshman, at third singles. He battled for three sets, winning 6-4, 6-4 after losing the first, 4-6. It was his first varsity win. "Adam is a good natural athlete. If he works with us, he'll also be a winner," the coach said.

The two doubles teams lost tough matches. At number one, junior Mike Krapf and sophomore Ryan Hanley went down, three and three. The second doubles team, consisting of two freshmen, Chris Seymour and Jared Hamre, went down, two and three.

"This team hustles in every match. They are the best at pure hustle I've ever had in my four years coaching varsity boys' tennis at Agawam High," Coach Spear smiled, then added, "Their youth means experience will only make them better."

The girls' tennis team also fell at Chicopee Comp, 3-2.

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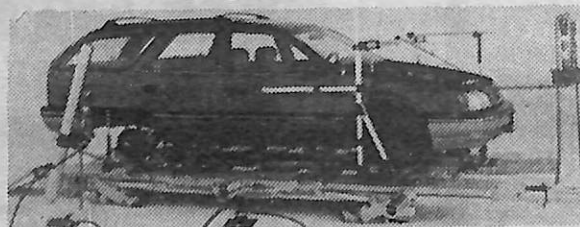
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Youth Soccer...

U14 Agawam Tigers Continue Strong Run In Pioneer Valley

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In the Tigers' most recent games, they defeated a strong Westfield team, 1-0 in another very physical game between these two teams. The Tigers scored the game's only goal with eight minutes left in the first half after midfielder Meaghan Brown was tackled from behind about 25 yards out. Stopper Shannon Cook made WF pay for the yellow-card takedown with a perfect shot in the upper corner of the net.

The back line of sweeper Kim Hoague, Shannon Cook, Trish Fitchben, Sherri Laskowski, and Melissa Savenko kept WF off the board and goalie Vicky Taylor was solid between the pipes.

On Saturday, May 1st, the Tigers buried Gateway, 6-0, in a game that will always be remembered as the "Danielle Cirillo Show." The Tigers' striker scored all six goals - three in the first half and three more in the second, including a spectacular first-half breakaway. Shannon Cook registered three assists from midfield: wing Kaitlin Sardella added a pair; midfielder Ellen Rannenberg had a single assist. Vicky Taylor registered the easy whitewash in this totally one-sided affair (the Tigers only beat Gateway 1-0 earlier in the season). Wing Kelly Reilly also played well for the locals.

On Wednesday, May 5th, the Tigers blanked Longmeadow, 2-0, on the strength of excellent midfield play from Aimee Beaudette, Shannon Cook, Ellen Rannenberg, Whitney Brown, Meaghan Brown, and Nicole Gendreau. Backliners Sherri Laskowski, Tricia Fitchben, Melissa Savenko, and sweeper Kim Hoague contributed strong efforts. Goalie Vicky Taylor recorded another shutout and registered an acrobatic sliding save on a semi-breakaway in the second half.

Striker Danielle Cirillo scored both Tigers' goals. Her first came after wing Kaitlin Sardella's shot deflected into the middle where Danielle rifled the rebound into the net; the second goal came after she accepted a perfect pass from midfielder Shannon Cook.

Up in Belchertown for an 8:00 a.m. game last Saturday morning, the Tigers defeated a game but overmatched Cold Spring team, 3-0.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead into the half when wing Victoria Ruhl scored her first goal of the season. Wing Kaitlin Sardella sent a pass into the middle and striker Danielle Cirillo pounced for a shot that deflected off a defender, eluded the goalie, and Victoria tapped the ball into the unguarded net.

Wing Jen Sharpe, who played a strong game on the left wing, launched a wicked shot on goal early in the second half. The goalie made the save, bobbled the ball, and Danielle Cirillo again pounced for her 10th goal of the season.

The final goal came when wing Kaitlin Sardella was sandwiched between two defenders and her pass eluded the oncoming goalie and Victoria Ruhl was there to ground the ball into the net from 20 yards out.

Goalie Vicky Taylor was again solid in the nets, and midfielder Shannon Cook had a red banner game, receiving support from fellow midfielders Meaghan Brown, Ellen Rannenberg, Aimee Beaudette, and Nicole Gendreau. Backliners Melissa Savenko, Tricia Fitchben, Sherri Laskowski, Whitney Brown, and sweeper Kim Hoague were also solid in the winning effort. Wing Kelly Reilly also chipped in with strong play when called on.

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Agawam Ball Hogs Meet Holy Name And E. Longmeadow

On Thursday, May 6th, the Agawam Ball Hogs met Holy Name. Within the first five minutes, center Anthony DePalma scored and the pressure was on.

The Ball Hogs followed with several shots on goal by Alfredo Settembre, Chris Wyman, and Thomas Albano. With just a few minutes left in the first half, fullback Steven Donah scored a goal assisted by right wing Anthony Costa and ended the first half with a 2-0 score.

In the second half, Holy Name came back and scored two goals to bring the game to a tie. The Ball Hogs were warmed up in more than one way and with the superb execution of the defense, Chris Wyman, Steven Carmody, and Steven Donah held off the opponents while right wing Randy Holmes slipped two goals in, one assisted by sweeper Alfredo Settembre and the other by center Anthony DePalma, within one minute of each other.

The relentless Ball Hogs did not give up. Center Anthony DePalma came back and scored two more goals to end the game, 6-2. Compliments go to goalie Chris Alvanos for making some great saves during the game and a hat trick for Anthony DePalma. Way to go!!

On Saturday, May 8th, the Ball Hogs faced East Longmeadow. They "marked their man" right at the start and did not give them a break. The Ball Hogs made numerous shots on goal, including those made by front linesmen Ryan Wytrych, Anthony Costa, Anthony DePalma, and also Victor Ferrentino, Alfredo Settembre, and Thomas Albano.

After a scoreless first half, within five minutes into the second half, left wing Ryan Wytrych scored a goal assisted by right wing Anthony Costa and soon after, sweeper Alfredo Settembre scored another goal.

The outstanding passing by the team and superb defense by Steven Carmody, Chris Wyman, Steven Donah, and Thomas Albano, along with the essential saves by goalie Chris Alvanos ended the game in a shutout, 2-0.

The Ball Hogs' record stands at 4-1-3 after eight games, with three games left in the season. Coach Tony DePalma and his assistant, Jay Hanscom, are pleased with the performance of the team.

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Tom Carey, Jr. of Orange, MA, captured the New England Ford Dealers 150 on Saturday night, May 1st, earning his third career victory on the Busch North Series, a NASCAR Touring Division. Carey, a former Pro Stock track champion at Riverside Park Speedway, battled Center Harbor, ME's Brad Leighton for much of the race, earning an \$11,475 prize to the delight of his home track fans.

Also in action along with the Busch North Series was the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stocks, and Thomaston, CT's Scott Bouley took down the win over Somers, CT driver Todd Owen. In the Sportsman division, 1998 rookie of the year Jason Lafayette captured his first win of the year. In the Super Stock division, Jonathan Yourga of Hadley, MA, took down he win in the 20-lap feature.

For the first time in Series history, the Busch North teams were able to pit on the infield inside the quarter-mile oval. Many teams took advantage of this while the fascinated crowd followed the action. Carey fought his way to the front of the field early, swapped the lead a few times with Leighton before settling in for a repeat victory in the 150-lap event. Tracy Gordon was third, followed by Dave Dion and Jamie Aube in fifth.

Bouley led the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division through a caution-free, 40-lap feature race, celebrating in victory lane with his trademark Irish jig on the roof of his car. It was a rewarding win for Bouley, who missed the field for the New England Ford Dealers 150. Owen finished second, followed by Patrick Townsend in third, Les Hinckley III in fourth, and Barry Gray in fifth.

The Sportsman division staged another exciting feature, culminating with a win for Lafayette. Danbury, CT's Doug Goetz was second, followed by Herb Carlon, Tony Keilty, and Norm Ashline in fifth.

The Super Stock division closed out the program with a fast and furious 20-lap feature. Yourga battled Norwalk, CT's Mark Lajoie in the closing laps, taking the lead for good under the white flag. When the checkered flag waved, Yourga won by less than one car length over Lajoie. Keith DeSanctis was third, followed by Carl Holmgren, Jr. in fourth. Gerald Durand, winner of the previous week's Super Stock feature, finished fifth.

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Connecticut River Turning On...

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You don't have to go to Enfield to find some big fish, either. Plugs like the new Top Dog Jr. and Top Dog by L&S Lures are attracting some big fish.

I recently received a care package from L&S and have been trying out the field testers assortment. The finish work is great and the action draws some savage strikes. The lures are designed for a "walk the dog" twitch and stop retrieve.

Finding a school of feeding stripers near the mouth of the Chicopee River, I made my first cast into a school of panicked herring. It only took a few seconds before the 94LSR model was engulfed and a striper was firmly hooked.

We had been catching schoolies up to 25 inches earlier, but standard freshwater bass tackle was no match for this fish. I think I regretted losing that particular lure just as much as I did losing the fish!

The Holyoke Dam fish lift is in operation, and if you have not had a chance to visit the viewing room, make it a point. You will not be disappointed.

Enfield fishermen are doing well on stripers below the dam. First-time boat fishermen launching at the King's Island Ramp should exercise extreme caution, and not even think of trying to go down river.

The approach to the dam upstream can be tricky to navigate and extreme care should be used. This is no place to be without a depth finder!

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Valley streams remained high as a result of last week's rain. Some flyrodders are having success during the hatches occurring near the evening hours. The Westfield River (it should really be called the Agawam River) has been giving up some nice trout below Knightville Dam.

Lakes and ponds remain consistent, with a note that Lake Lorraine in Springfield must have received an extra slug of trout, as the action has been reported to be "hot and heavy." Spinners such as Rooster Tails and Mepps have been real killers, according to an expert source.

Bass are scooping out beds in some of the waters that have warmed sufficiently. Catch and release is really important at this time of year. Kurt at Saunders Boat Livery reports that bass fishermen are scoring some nice fish on plastic lizards and longer plastic worms. Trout were just recently restocked, and they are providing some good morning and evening action.

School stripers are now abundant above the Enfield Dam. L&S Lures' new Top Dog Jr., along with the 4¾-inch Top Dog models, are cleaning up in the morning and evening hours. Lead head jigs with twister tail grubs are also hammering the linesides. Find the edge of the creek channel and bounce a jig around; you are likely to be rewarded with some great catch and release fishing.

SALT WATER

Little has changed from last week's report, except that larger stripers have mixed in with the schoolies. The Thames River, as well as the Connecticut River, have sizable populations of stripers present.

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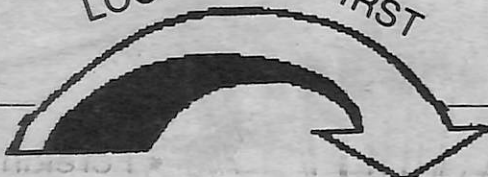
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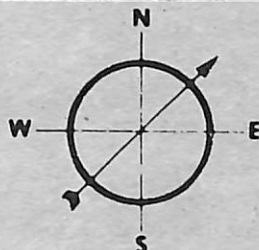
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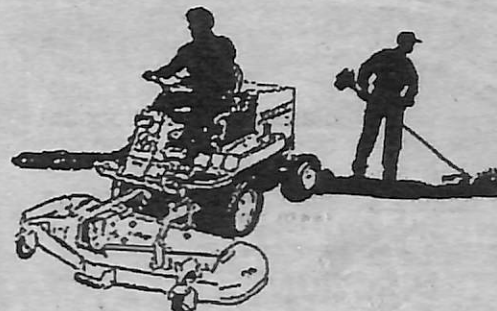
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R.P.

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TAG SALE: 20 Conifer Dr. (off Rte. 75), Agawam. Friday, May 14, 10-4; Saturday, May 15, 10-4. Furniture, household items, and kids' toys.

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